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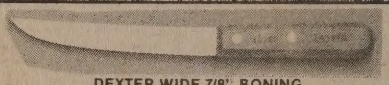

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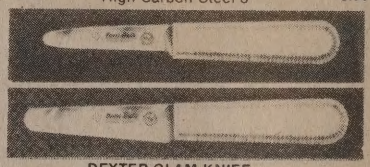

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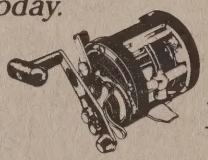

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Dick Mermon with a nice blue beached on the south shore last fall. Surf fishing season may still be at least a month away, but time is running out fast on surfmen who have not yet obtained their 1986 State Beach Vehicle or Night Fishing Permits. A reminder that the spring deadline (April 30) is less than a week away. Dick Mermon Photo.

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FISH ANOMALIES STUDIED FOR POLLUTION CONNECTION

When the fisherman's catch looks too ugly to eat, that's the time to call Dr. Marilyn Wolfe, Senior Research Associate at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine. The unattractiveness of the fish may be due to papillomas, benign tumors found in the fish's mouth or occasionally on the body. Thus far, Dr. Wolfe has identified papillomas in brown bullheads and other lesions in walleyes, largemouth bass and lake trout.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) provides funds for Dr. Wolfe to determine the extent, nature and causes of anomalies observed in fish in New York. She is one of two fish pathologists associated with New York State's DEC and checks only wild fish caught in the state's waters. "Wild" fish are those fish not raised in hatchery systems.

While it's too soon to tell what causes the fishes' papillomas, there is concern that their development may be traced to exposure to contaminants in the water. In this instance, the affected fish may be a "first alert" for pollution problems that have the potential to effect human health.

Pollution is not the only suspect; a virus may be at the root of the problem. Dr. Wolfe notes that in one studied body of water, brown bullheads had a significantly higher incidence of papillomas than yellow bullheads. This suggests that a virus causes the growths since a virus can be species specific. In addition, analysis of the water and surface sediment in one area where affected fish were caught showed low or non-existent levels of contaminants. Says Dr. Wolfe, "There is so much we don't know about the background incidence of lesions in wild fish populations. We just haven't worked with them long enough." To check the historic incidence of papillomas in fish, Dr. Wolfe recently visited the New York State Museum in Albany, NY that houses a collection of fish species caught in the 1930s. Surprisingly, several of the preserved fish had papillomas.

Dr. Wolfe estimates it will be five years before sufficient data can be compiled to pinpoint patterns of lesions and relate them to contaminants or other causes. Presently, Dr. Wolfe and a technician at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine are looking at fish from around the state, and accumulating a computer data base for lesions. They're also examining tissue samples with the electron microscope for evidence of virus infection. This September, Dr. Wolfe will participate in a Lake Ontario field study in cooperation with the DEC. They'll examine fish for tumors and other lesions and, if possible, try to determine the cause.

Whether you're a fisherman or not, you're probably helping to support this important work if you checked the "Return A Gift to Wildlife" box on your income tax return. Funds for Dr. Wolfe's fish pathology services and future research on fish diseases are provided through this project.

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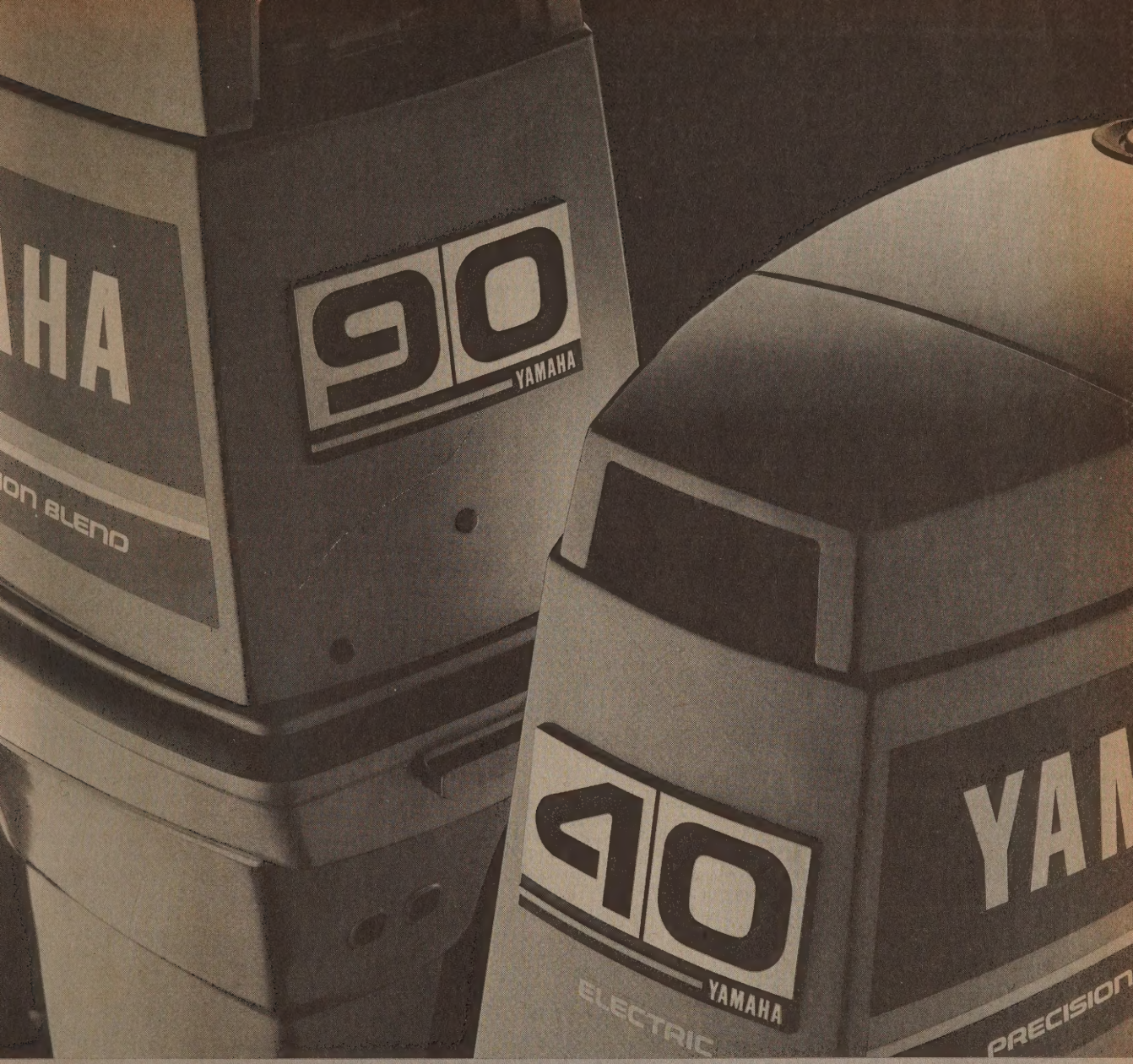
In addition to the package, guests will not only enjoy the scenic beauty of Shelter Island, generous camaraderie of club members (including "Salty" flyrodders of Conn., New Jersey and Rhode Island), but excellent fly fishing for blues, weaks and bass along the numerous island beaches.

For further information, contact Vincent Posillico at (212) 892-7187. Call now!, as reservations are almost full.

Note: Saturday day guests are entitled to breakfast and banquet



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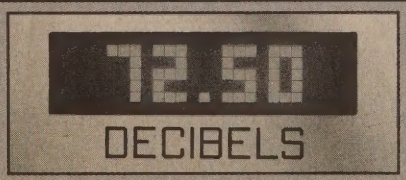

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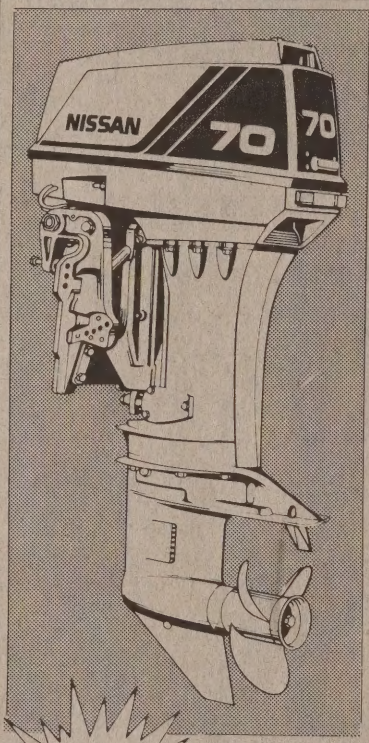

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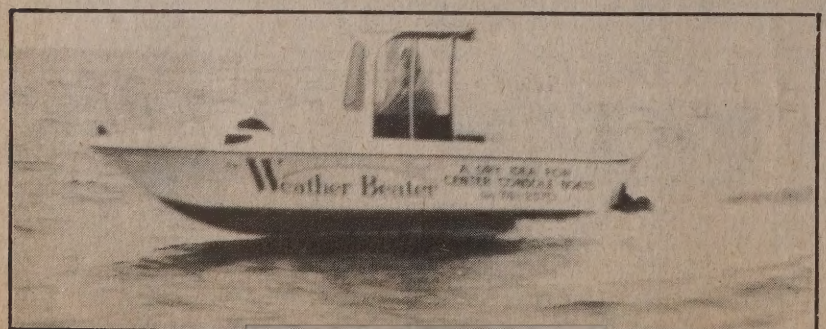

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GIVE YOUR YOUNGSTERS A BREAK WHEN YOU TAKE THEM FISHING

Too many youngsters are handicapped when they first take up fishing by being given discarded tackle that even an experienced pro would have trouble using, according to the makers of Shimano Fishing Tackle.

The father who digs out an abandoned rod and reel discarded in a remote corner of the garage for his son or daughter isn't doing the youngster a favor. If it wasn't good enough for Dad to keep using, why should it work for a youngster just learning the ropes?

Fortunately, some tackle makers, like Shimano, are conscious of the problem and have created tackle that youngsters can handle and master easily. Although not designed specifically for kids, the small spincasting outfits fill the bill for anglers 12 and under. The Aerocast I spincasting reel is simple to use, reasonably foolproof, and does not require great coordination to cast. It's available in a ready to go combo outfit with a matched fiberglass rod that ensures proper balance. The Aerocast I combo is an ideal setup for the beginner, regardless of age.

For the more experienced young angler, a spinning reel offers additional capability, and a step up the ladder in fishing. Shimano also offers its AX-200, a medium light spinning reel in a combo outfit with either a 6 or 6½ foot rod. This reel features Shimano's QuickFire II casting system which is an easy to use bail trigger and "No-Fail Bail," a bail spring that absolutely won't break. Using the QuickFire II trigger is a one-handed operation that enables the angler to open the bail and grasp the line with the same finger. Young anglers will appreciate the ease of operation.

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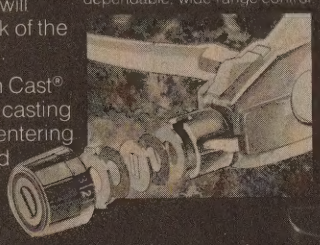

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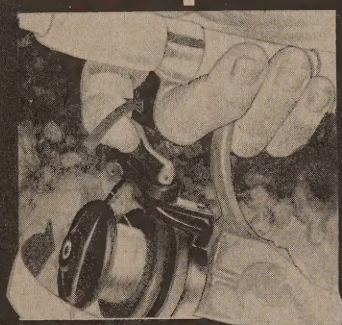

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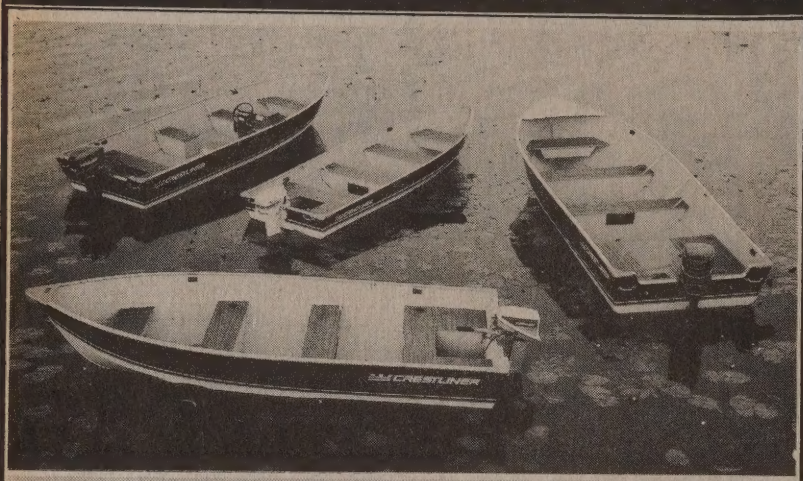

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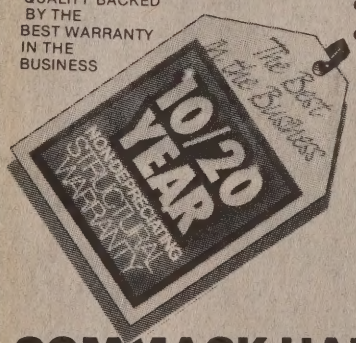

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ment they're not ready for, and the parents spend their time untangling backlashes instead of enjoying the moment.

Another important thing is to avoid loading your kids' reels with wire-stiff old line transferred from some ancient garage reel to have a couple of bucks. Your youngsters deserve the same limp, premium mono that you would use, otherwise the child will quickly become discouraged.

Take them along to the tackle store and turn the trip into an educational experience. Explain to them wht the different color packages and ratings means.

Give your child a break. Start the boy or girl out with tackle that fits and will help, not hinder, learning. Then spend time helping your child learn how to use the new outfit. You'll remember that day far longer than the fish you might otherwise have caught for yourself, say the fishing experts at Shimano.

HAMPTONS BOAT SHOW COMING

The 3rd Annual Hamptons In-Water Boat Show will be coming to Hampton Bays on May 3, 4, 10 and 11. Eastern Long Island's only in the water boat show will again be sponsored by the Association of Marine Industries (AMI). The home of the Show is the Suffolk County Marina, located on the east side of the Shinnecock Canal. The Show hours are from 10AM to 6PM daily.

Over 100 boats from 8 to 40 feet will be available for inspection both on land, and in the water. "This is the largest collection of new boats in any one place on Eastern Long Island for people to see and compare," said Re Strong, the Show Manager.

Many marine supply and service companies will have displays in the new and expanded tent area. Among the products and services to be displayed include model historic sailing ships, sailmakers, towing services, marine electronics, outboard engines, custom boat canvas manufacturers, nautical boutiques and gifts, marine generators, boat financing, luxury dinner charters, and marine publications.

The long list of boats that will be present includes: Bombard and Zodiac inflatables, Alden Rowing Shells, O'Brien Sailboards, the famous Sun Fish, Catalina Sailboats, Aquasport, Albamarle, Black Fin, Baja, Grady White, Imperial, Privateer, Bayliner, Formula, Seyler, Chien Hwa Trawlers, Silverton, Mainship, Dixie, Seaway, Steiger Craft, Century, Cobalt, Sting Ray, Rampage, Mako, Tiara, Sou Wester, Shamrock, Winner, Sturdee Dory, Newman, VIP, Oceanic, Sea Craft, Glassmaster, Invader, Rinker, Sun Runner, Formula, Wahoo, Arrowglass. The Queen of this year's show is the 40 foot Mainship.

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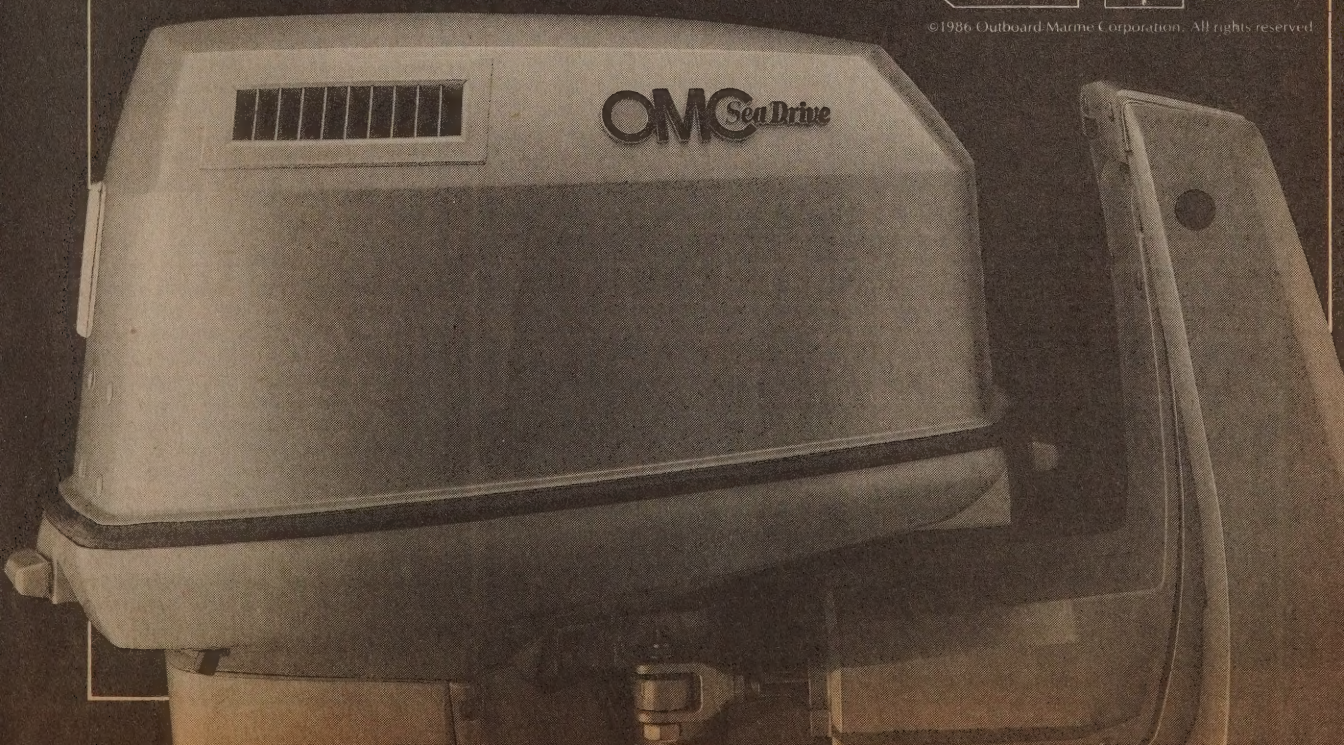

number of special events have been scheduled, and the list of exhibitors continues to grow," he added.

Ticket prices are $3 for adults, and free for all young yachtsmen under 14 years old. Ample free parking is available adjacent to the show. The refreshment tent will be under the direction of the Hampton Bay's Lions Club.

The Association of Marine Industries (AMI) encompasses over 70 Marina and marine related service companies located in the five Eastern Long Island Townships. The major objective of the nine-year-old Association is to promote boating safety on Eastern Long Island, according to Mrs. Strong.

LIFETIME WARRANTY ON REELS

Abu-Garcia, Inc. has announced that its entire line of Ambassadeur baitcasting reels for 1986 will be sold with a lifetime warranty.

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U AND I FEATURES STRIPED BASS PIECE

Dick Russell, President of the Boston-based Striped Bass Emergency Council and the author of many articles in The Fisherman, has launched a new national publication called *U and I* with a group of friends. The first issue contains a very personal piece that Russell wrote about his fight to save the striper, along with some beautiful color fishing photographs. *U and I*, which is intended as a conversation with the reader about many subjects of concern in these times, also contains articles in its premiere issue about the great men of American history; a new Blue Party for American politics; a dialogue about the real meaning of spirituality and the grave dangers posed by the Fundamentalist Right; what the new generation of kids is thinking about, and more. It contains 78 pages, with no ads.

The second issue of *U and I*, which has just recently come out, focuses substantially on the farm situation in the country. What is really happening to the American farmer, and why? What is the value of this way of life, and why is what's becoming of the people and their environment such a tragedy? It also contains a fascinating section about the changing relationship between men and women, and a collection of remarkable letters from readers who were deeply affected by the first issue of *U and I*. This issue contains 122 pages, including 16 in color, and again has no ads (by choice).

U and I can be ordered by mail, at $5 per copy postpaid, from: U and I, P.O. Box 1886, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130.

BOATING SAFETY HOTLINE TAKES THOUSANDS OF CALLS FROM BOATERS

The Boating Safety Hotline, a new toll free telephone service inaugurated by the Coast Guard in June, 1985, is helping boaters all across the country get information on boating safety recalls and other safety related topics.

The Hotline has been set by the Coast Guard on an experimental basis to do three things: tell boat owners and buyers whether or not a particular boat model has been involved in a safety recall (in some recalls, manufacturers are only able to notify 20 to 30 percent of current owners; take reports from owners concerning safety problems they are experiencing in their boats and determine if a safety recall is warranted; and answer technical questions on boating safety matters.

In the first six months of operation, the Hotline received nearly 3000 calls. Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of the Hotline is realized when it is publicized and used in conjunction with the list of current boating safety recalls being conducted by boat and engine manufacturers. [Note: This list is published by the Coast Guard in the *Boating Safety Circular* and by news release.] When the recall list is published, word gets around that so-and-so manufacturer is conducting a recall for such-and-such a boat or engine. When owners hear this, they call the Hotline to verify if their particular boat is involved in the recall. Often, the caller discovers the boat he or she owns is the one named in the recall and they have never received notification from the manufacturer. The Hotline has revealed safety defects to many owners in this way.

Benefits of the Hotline are being felt in other ways, too. The Coast Guard is starting to receive reports from boat owners regarding safety problems they are experiencing with their boats. As a result, several recall campaigns have already been generated through information and complaints received on the Hotline.

An analysis of the questions being asked on the Hotline is also helping shape Coast Guard consumer information efforts. For example, recent calls show that boaters want more information about Marine Sanitation Device requirements, and requirements for importing foreign built boats that may not comply with Coast Guard Boating Safety Standards, and many boaters have questions about the content of the various Safety Standards, often so they can verify

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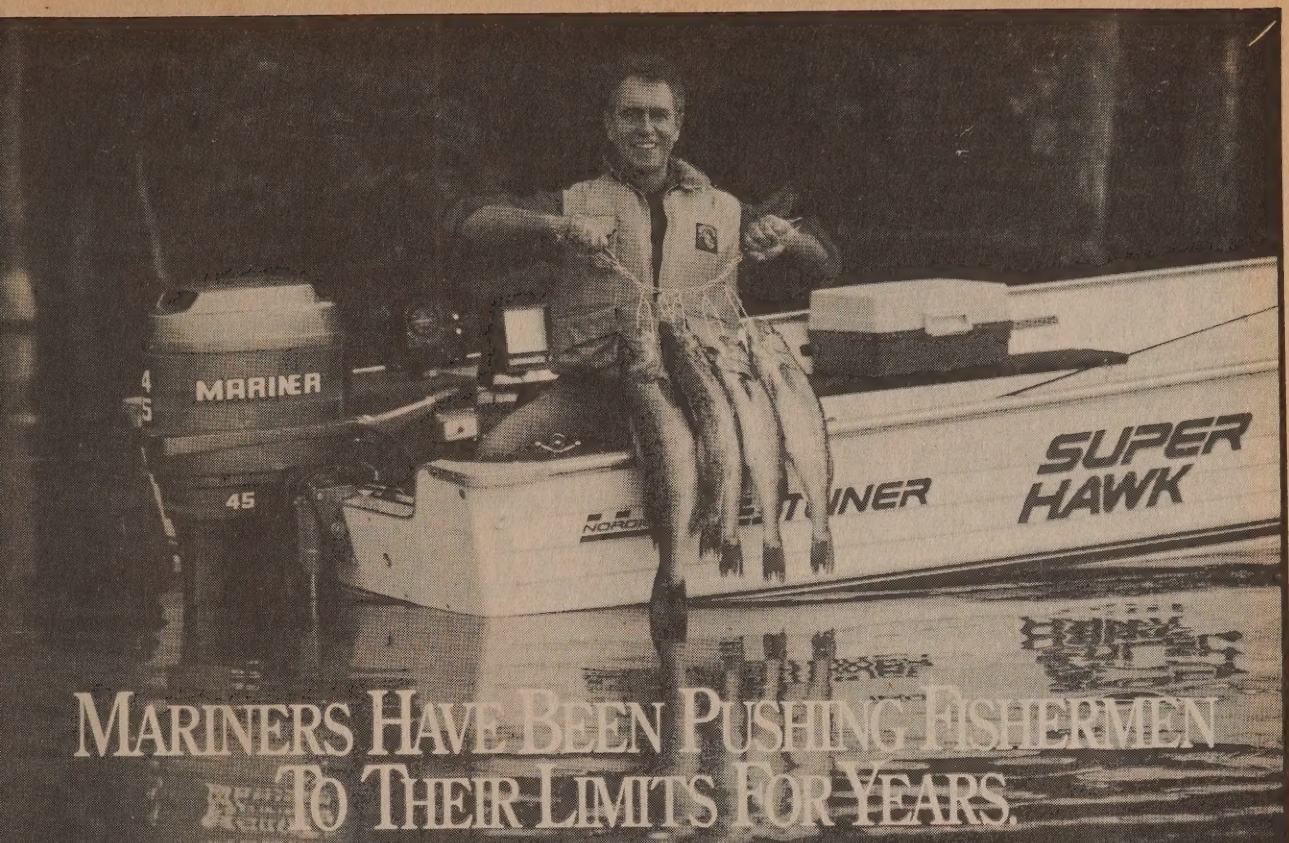

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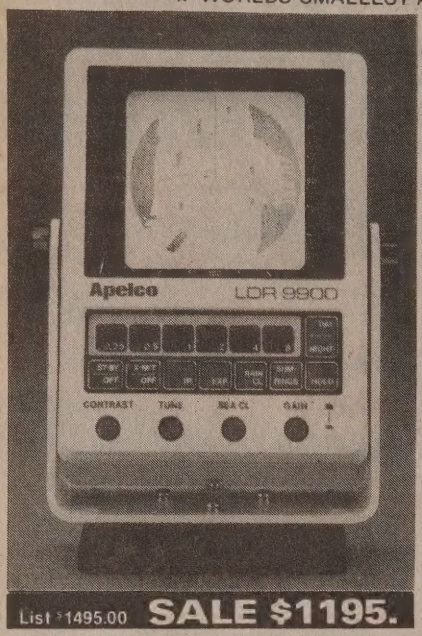

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compliance of their own boat. As a result of this, the Coast Guard Consumer Staff has published three new Consumer Fact Sheets to cover these topics.

The Boating Safety Hotline is run by the Office of Boating, Public, and Consumer Affairs in Coast Guard Headquarters. The Hotline is in operation from 8AM to 4PM eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The toll free number is (800) 368-5647 (Washington, D.C. area residents can call 472-2385).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JOHNSON/EVINRUDE/OMC SEA DRIVE OWNERS

On March 4, 1985 the United States Environmental Protection Agency enacted federal regulations reducing the permissible level of lead (tetraethyl lead) in regular gasoline from 1.1 to 0.1 grams per gallon after January 1, 1986.

A system of "lead banking rights" is a part of the regulation which allows the fuel companies to continue for a time to market a "low lead" regular gasoline (about .3 grams per gallon) using lead allotted for their production in 1985 which was not used. This fuel, rated at 88-89 pump posted octane (anti-knock index or AKI), will be available through most of 1986 at many stations and marinas. It will very likely have the lowest price of the three fuel types offered. When the lead banking rights are used up, this fuel will be replaced by an unleaded fuel or fuel containing 0.1 or less grams of lead per gallon rated 88-90 octane. The price per gallon will then probably be higher than the 86-87 octane unleaded fuel used by most newer cars, but less than "premium unleaded."

Motors indicated at the end of this release, as manufactured, require the use of leaded regular gasoline to avoid possible engine damage. The use of fuel having less than 0.5 grams of lead per gallon will require modifications or adjustments to avoid possible damage and expensive repair bills resulting from detonation or pre-ignition at high power settings.

If you still own one of the motors affected it must be adjusted by your dealer to operate on low lead or unleaded fuel of 88 octane. The adjustment involves an ignition timing change only. Call your dealer to make an appointment to have this work done. The dealer will also place a decal on your motor indicating it has been adjusted to operate on 88 octane unleaded fuel.

If you wish to operate your motor on unleaded fuel with an octane rating as low as 86, which by 1987 will probably be the lowest price fuel available, it will be necessary to install a modification kit which includes replacement of the cylinder head gaskets to reduce the compression ratio. This modification can be performed by your dealer.

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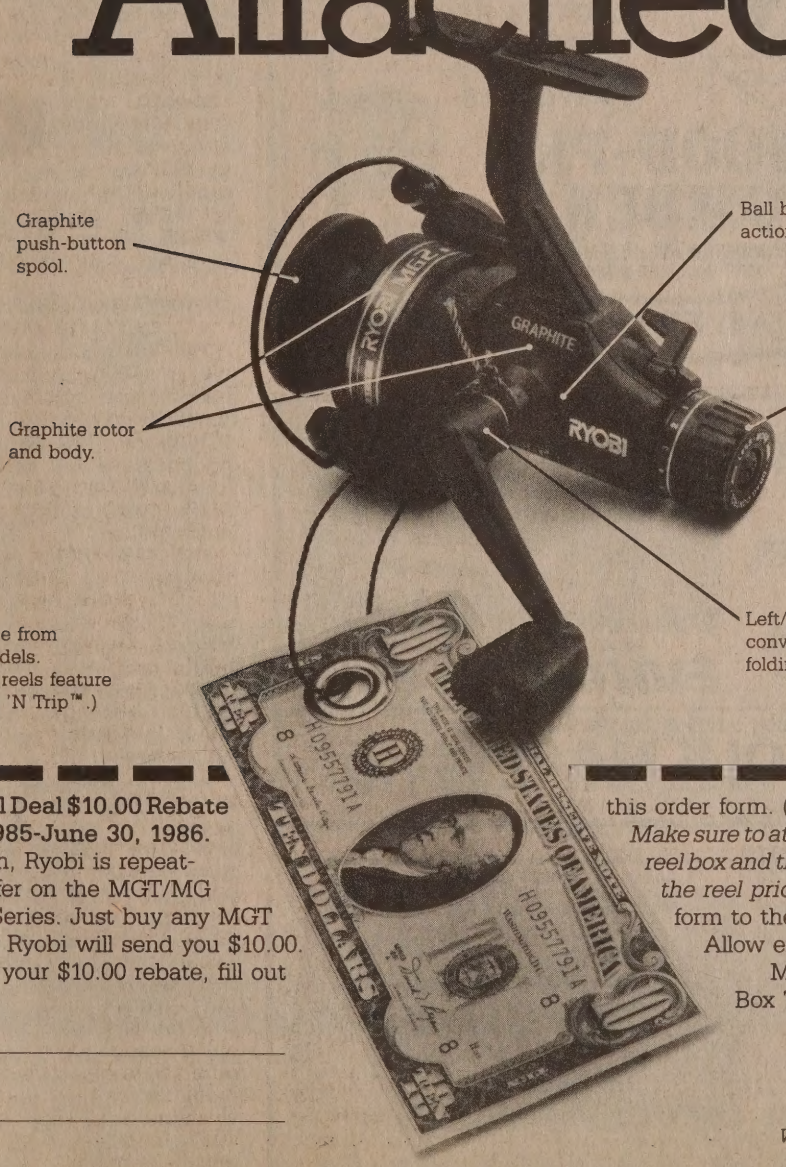

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If you wish to retain the very maximum of power from your motor, you can use only "premium unleaded" fuel (91-94 octane) which is available at most gas stations. *If unleaded fuel of less than 91 octane is used, even for a single tankful, engine damage may result.*

Avoid the use of fuels containing alcohol, if possible. Alcohol fuel blends can attract water and form corrosive materials that attack fuel tanks. Alcohol can also cause deterioration of non-metallic fuel lines in your boat and on your motor. Inspect your fuel lines frequently for signs of deterioration. *Do not use fuels containing methanol* (methyl alcohol), which is more corrosive than ethanol (ethyl alcohol).

Models requiring modification: 1970-71, 60 hp; 1972-73, 65 hp; 1975-78, 75 hp; 1971-72, 125 hp; 1973-76, 135 hp; 1977-84, 140 hp; 1978-85, 150 hp (except CT/XP models); 1977-85, 175 hp; 1983-85, 185 hp; 1976-83, 200 hp; 1978-85, 235 hp; ALL, 2.5L OMC Sea Drive; ALL, 2.6L OMC Sea Drive.

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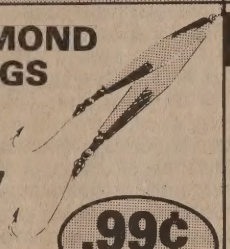

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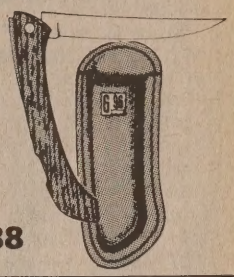

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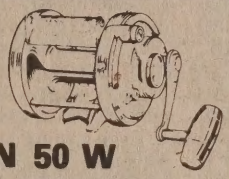

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Once again, hosts for the show are renowned anglers Bill Dance and Roland Martin who cover a variety of fishing-related topics, from tips on tackle and techniques to favorite fishing holes.

Local sponsorship opportunities are available and stations are being supplied with promotional materials, a four-color poster, ad slicks and a counter card, which can be used by retailer businesses to publicize show sponsorship. The counter card can be customized to promote the station's call letters, frequency, time the show will be aired and sponsor identification. Stations can broadcast the 52 shows at their discretion over the course of one year, or daily during the fishing season.

The co-hosts of the "DuPont American Fisherman Radio Show" are professional anglers as well as outdoors broadcasters. Dubbed the "Arnold Palmer of Fishing," Bill Dance writes a weekly newspaper column and is host of his own nationally-syndicated television program, "Bill Dance Outdoors." He also has written several "how-to" books on fishing. Roland Martin stars in the nationally-syndicated television show, "Fishing with Roland Martin." He was named "Angler of the Year' by the Bass Angler Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) an unprecedented nine times, and has earned more money from professional fishing than anyone. Both Dance and Martin are members of the DuPont "Pro Fishing Team," and field test DuPont Stren and Prime fishing lines.

According to Rick Straitman, press relations supervisor for DuPont fishing line products, the show is an excellent way for sponsors to both promote fishng and fishing line sales. "The chemistry between these pros—their fresh, light and informative approach—appeals to the novice as well as the seasoned angler" he says.

As a bonus to listeners, within the program, DuPont offers a free booklet on how to tie better fishing knots. Listeners will be encouraged to write: DuPont American Fisherman, the DuPont Company, Wilmington, DE 19898.

For more information on the "DuPont American Fisherman" Radio Show, call Rick Straitman, press relations supervisor, DuPont Company, (302) 774-8870, or Meltem Tekeli, senior account executive, Hill and Knowlton, (212) 697-5600.

LIBERTY STATE PARK MARINE AND FISHING EXPO

Drawing on the huge population of fishing and boating enthusiasts in this metropolitan area, the Marine and Fishing Expo will open at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, April 23 to 27, the first of three boat shows planned for the Park during 1986. Thriving on easy access from the surrounding areas including Manhattan (only minutes away through the Holland Tunnel), and on the hype generated by the Centennial Celebrations for the Statue of Liberty, the Boat Show has attracted a strong turn-out by the nation's boating industry which will display its newest and best pleasure boats and fishing/boating accessories. Free seminars on fresh and salt water fishing, an American Outboard Museum exhibit of motors dating back as far as 1914, plus free parking for up to 7,500 cars are other factors expected to assure a large attendance by sportsmen and women. The Marine and Fishing Expo will be held in and around the massive renovated buldings which comprised the rail terminal for immigrants entering the country through Ellis Island

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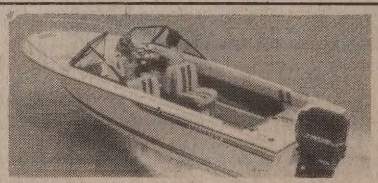

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31ST ANNUAL LONG ISLAND MARLIN & TUNA TOURNEY SET

The South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club in conjunction with Captain Bill's Restaurant (at the foot of Ocean Avenue in Bay Shore) is pleased to announce the 31st Annual Long Island Marlin and Tuna Tournament. The tournament is set to take place Saturday, July 19th (alternate date July 20th) with a Captain's meeting Friday night, July 18th at 8PM at Captain Bill's Anchorage (next to restaurant). Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. A limited number of dock spaces will be available for those in need and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Our tournament will be open to individual fishermen as well as to any fishing club who wishes to participate. There will be two categories of competition: Large Boat#27 feet and larger; Small Boat—20 feet to 26 feet.

For more info, call Bob Graffagnino, Home, 581-2678; business, 581-4139; or Don Kaich, home 581-9192; business 741-3198.

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Houston Marine Training Services, the nation's largest marine examination preparation school for persons seeking Coast Guard licenses, has opened a training center in the Meadowlands at 649 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

The school is located at the site of the Meadowlands Exam-Prep Center and offers courses for persons interested in obtaining their captain's license.

T. Brantley Houston, president of the suburban New Orleans school, said the new facility offers a wide range of courses. In addition to the popular Captain's License Course (Passenger Vessel Operator) which is of particular interest to boaters in New York and New Jersey, courses will be available to prepare qualified individuals for Tankerman and Able Seaman examinations.

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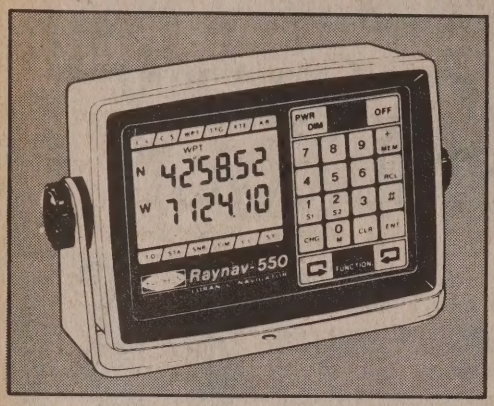

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NEW CATALOG ON INVADER DOWNRIGGERS

Invader Downriggers has introduced a new 12-page catalog illustrating 23 models of downriggers and many other trolling accessories. The Invader line of downriggers extends from a small clamp-on version (suggested list price approx. $82) to the heavy duty electric 5600 series with booms up to 8 feet long (approx. list $323).

Several new products are featured in the catalog including the Top Troller Planer Board mast, the Teaser Troller Kite mast, a Railmount for small downriggers and masts, a Flush Mount Pole holder Adapter and several new releases.

Other accessories include a variety of bases, weights, releases, cable, filleting knives and clothing.

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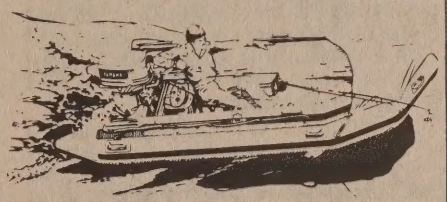

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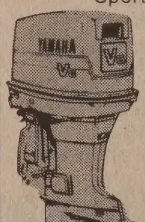

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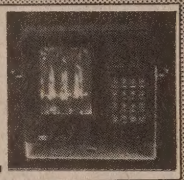

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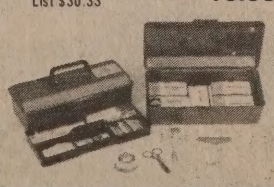

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by Pete Barrett

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"Fancy, it isn't," continued Bill, "but she has nice lines and was designed for fishermen and built to be dependable, with low maintenance requirements and with a realistic price tag. This combination of value and economy are qualities that will appeal to a wide audience."

The hull is typical fiberglass construction and the overall finish is very good: high gloss gel coat, smoothly finished glass and no ripples or fiberglass weave pattern showing through. Stringers and fuel tank braces are encapsulated in fiberglass and foam is sprayed into all below decks areas except for a small bilge area at the transom for bilge pump, washdown pump and transducer installations.

With a 12 degree dead rise at the transom this beamy hull is exceptionally stable while drifting or trolling. The forward entry is fairly deep to handle choppy waters. A wide chine helps blow spray out from the hull. While not a deep vee, according to Joel Weber, an owner of a Steiger, the ride is very good, especially in a beam or quartering sea. Only a very bad head sea calls for a throttle down.

Decks are plywood, marine grade, and are glassed over then covered with woven fiberglass fabric. The result is a unique non-skid pattern, plus a very beefy deck. Braces extend from under the deck up along the sides and to the underside of the gun'ls to reinforce the sides. The boat is built like a rock.

The cuddy cabin is completely enclosed with a hard top and rear bulkhead. Vee berths have storage spaces below the berths, plus a rope locker covered by a teak door. Cushions are white Naugahyde.

The Steiger's nice clean lines are evident here.

Seats are built into each side of the cabin for the helm and passenger with storage under each seat. The deck between the seats steps down into a well with space at the forward end of the well for a Porta-Potti, the aft end is slightly covered by an overhanging deck and can be used for storage. The deck below the passenger seat has a very large dry storage compartment that can be custom sized by the factory to store gaffs and rods and reels.

The finish of the cabin is very simple: sprayed epoxy paint. There are no frills, just a clean uncluttered cabin. The individual owner can customize as he wishes. Minimal teak is used, however, the door to the cabin is teak, with a window.

The helm area has space for electronics, tachs, gauges and instruments and has a stainless steel wheel. The windshields are fitted in rubber gaskets for watertight integrity and they afford excellent visibility. Both side windows slide to an open position for ventilation.

Wide gun'ls border the cockpit and they are comfortably thigh high. Outrigger, downriggers and flush mount rod holders are easily installed. A thin strip of teak nicely finishes off the gun'l edges. Pyro style gasketed ports allow watertight access into the bilge and for fuel tank inspection. Ahead of the fuel tank is a very large fish box approximately 5 feet long, 2 feet wide and about 18 inches deep.

Hardware is stainless steel including the bow rail, cleats, mooring bit, chocks, lift eyes and steering wheel. Everything is through bolted and cleats are large sized to take lots of load from big fish or storms at dockside.

The Steiger Craft Open Fisherman is similar to the Cuddy, but lacks the completely enclosed hardtop. The helm is open except for front and side windshield panels. A Bimini or Navy style canvas top would keep weather off the crew.

Both the Cuddy and Open Fisherman lend themselves to extensive customizing. Steiger Craft offers such options as a tower and fight chairs, but the owner can add many ideas of his own, such as rod holders on the aft side of the cuddy cabin, coolers and fish boxes mounted at mid deck in the cockpit, overhead electronics boxes and built-in tackle locker/seat combinations.

The Steiger Craft 25 represents a lot of value and packs a lot of fishing machine into a 25 foot boat!

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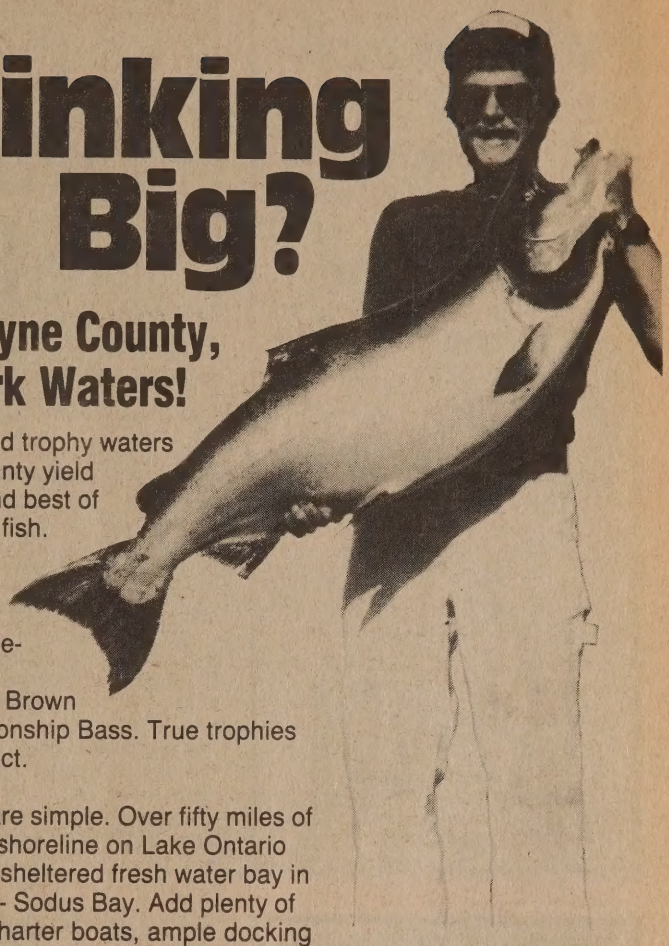

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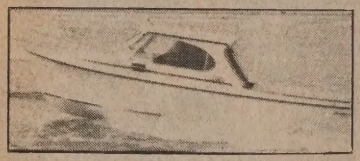

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by Pete Barrett

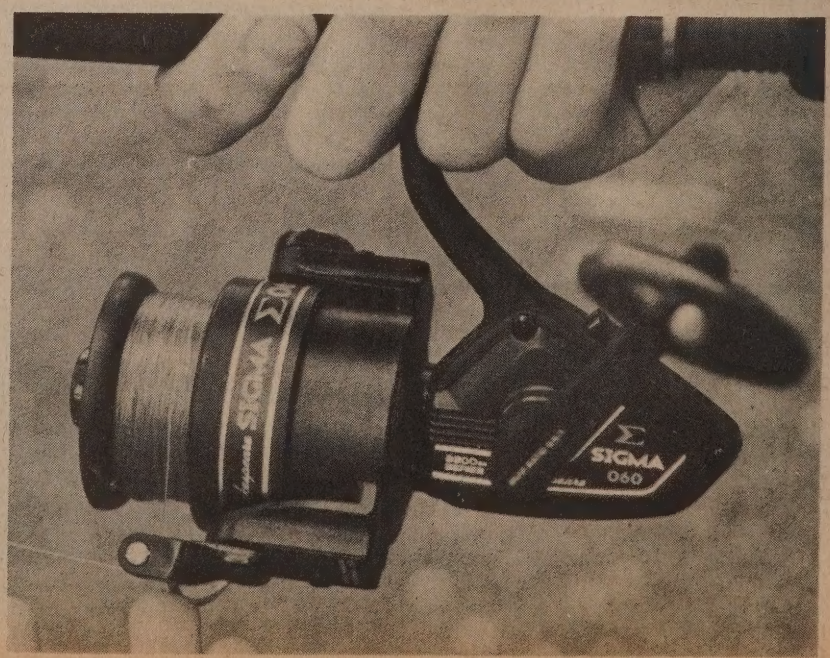
Time and fish are the best judges of the quality of any fishing tackle. If a rod or reel can stand up to repeated battles with fish of all sizes over a period of several years and still keep operating as if it was still new and fresh out of the box, then you know that particular piece of tackle has got to be well made and dependable.

The Shakespeare Sigma 2200 series spinning reels have been part of my tackle arsenal for several years now, the first pair of 2200-060 reels being purchased back in 1981, with several other models having been added to the line-up in following seasons. I've used the 060s mostly for bluefish and dolphin; the 040 size for weakfish and sea trout, bonito and little tunny, bonefish in Florida Bay and snake kingfish off Islamorada in the winter and the 080 size for sailfish and small amberjack. From bucktailing to bait fishing to plugging, they have all performed very well.

There are seven sizes in the series to cover all fishing applications from the tiny 2200-025 for freshwater U/L trout and panfish size to the heavy duty 2200-080 reels suitable for surf fishing and party boat jigging and bottom fishing. My original 060 reels have seen six bluefish seasons and in the hands of visiting fishermen have brought to boat over 2000 blues from pint sized 2 and 3 pounders to choppers of 16 pounds.

Frame and housing are constructed of high grade aluminum with an anodized black finish trimmed with gold decals. The 060 reels have taken a lot of abuse and the housings still look in good shape with few wear spots and no deep scratches.

Like most "modern" spinning reels, the 2200 series is of the skirted spool type. The drag is built into the front of the spool and is made up of alternating oil soaked felt and chromed brass washers that makes for a very S-M-O-O-T-H drag when working against a decent sized fish. The only care necessary is periodic cleaning and re-oiling of the washers. The drag adjustment settings are controlled by a knob on the face of the spool and a wide range of settings can be dialed in.



A stainless steel bail wire can be folded out of the way so it can't be bent out of shape during travel or storage. This is handy if you jam rods and reels into tight spaces, into "under the gun'l" rod holders or into the trunk of your car. Anglers who pack tackle for airline travel will appreciate the fold-down bail feature.

The roller line guide is chromed with its free wheeling life style guaranteed by a Teflon bushing. I've never yet had a problem with the rollers on any Sigma and the only service needed is a squirt of spray oil to keep things clean and rolling.

Baitfishermen may want to use the manual method of closing the bail but plug casters will simply turn the handle to automatically close the bail to retrieve line. The bail springs are located under a plate and are easily serviced.

Two large bronze bushings support the main gear and give the reels a solid feeling with no sloppy play between the handle shaft and the main gear. The pinion gear is brass and meshes with a 4.4 to 1 gear ratio on the 060 model. Other models have slightly different gear ratios from 4 to 1 up to 5.2 to 1.

The main shaft is stainless steel and is supported by stainless ball bearings assuring a smooth retrieve with no rough spots or binding. The design of a rotating head under the spool helps to keep saltwater from getting into the bearings and gears, but an ounce of pre-use service to coat these parts with grease before you seriously start fishing can be a big help, especially if you surf fish.

Fishermen can choose a silent anti-reverse or an audible clicking anti-reverse by simply selecting the appropriate position on the slide switch on the top rear side of the housing. My older 060 and 040 sizes did not have this dual anti-reverse feature and I miss having it. Nothing kills a quiet morning bucktailing for bay weaks more than a rackety anti-reverse clicker! The latest models of the series all have the new selector switch so you can have it either way.

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The 2200 series spinners are fairly simple in today's world. Other models in the Shakespeare line have rear drags and the Auto-cast feature for one finger pick-up of the line while casting. Many fishermen may prefer these extra features, but since I fish the ocean's waters where salt can do strange things to tackle. I believe simple is better. The 2200s are simple, rugged and dependable. They also catch fish real good.

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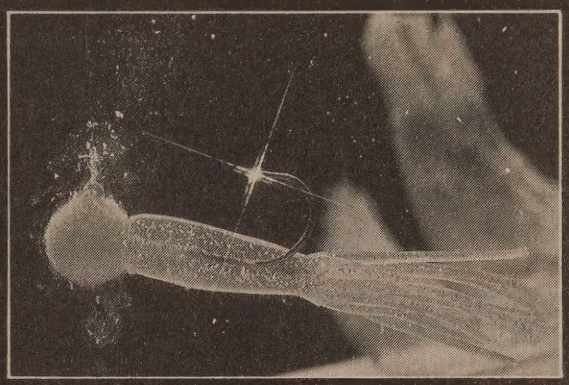

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by Russ Wilson

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In Captain Pete Mikoleski's article, "Beyond the Basics," he mentioned using the Tru Turn hook No. 766 in size 6 for flounder, but I'm having a very hard time finding them. Would you please send me the address of the Tru Turn Company or tell me where I can purchase these hooks?

Barbara Herrera.

Dear Barbara,

Most of the shore area tackle shops are currently stocking the Tru Turn hooks. If you cannot locate an outlet in your neighborhood, I suggest you contact Tru Turn and request, from their area representative, a listing of possible locations where the products may be purchased. The address for Tru Turn is: Tru Turn, 1120 Federal Drive, Montgomery, AL 36107. You might also request a 1986 catalog showing all of their fine hooks for both fresh and salt water application.

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Dear Doc,

I hope you can help me with this question. In The Long Island Fisherman issue of March 6th-12th, No. 9, there is an article on page 40, written by Tom Goodspeed, "A Practical Approach to Distance Casting."

In all the books I have read by LIF, putting a 30 lb. shock leader to a 10 lb. test line is very hard to do. In the article Tom Goodspeed wrote, he states on page 41: "With bait fishing I'll use 20 lb. mono line, but when tossing

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lures I'll use 12 lb. mono or even 8 lb.; either way I'll use a 20 foot lenth of 60 lb. mono as a shock leader." How is it possible to attach a 60 lb. shock leader to either a 20, 12 or 8 pound mono even using a nail knot or blood knot? I would appreciate your help very much. *Ronald J. Murray.*

Dear Ronald,

We've used heavy mono leaders (often up to 90 or 100 lb.) when fishing for big fish in the tropics with lightweight tackle. The system used by most experienced fishermen is to start off with a double line (via a Bimini twist or Spider Hitch), then attach a short length of heavier mono by using a Surgeon's knot. The Surgeon's knot is simple to tie and is a fast but strong connection between light running line and the heavy mono leader. It is a slip free connection and does not weaken your lighter line. Most of the knot books, such as Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh's "Practical Knots," show how to tie the Bimini as well as the Surgeon's knot.

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Dear Doc,

I am a tuna fisherman on a budget, if that's possible. I plan on purchasing outriggers during the next couple of years. For now, the money fits nicely into the fuel tank. My question is, will I get similar results from riggers using one or more side planers per side? Can I troll tuna lures and expect positive results?

Thank you for this opportunity to ask this question and I read your column regularly. *Mitchell Ruggles.*
P.S.—My boat is a 26 foot powerboat, 11 foot beam.

Dear Mitchell,

I assume you are referring to the side planer type trolling boards that are used extensively on the Great Lakes by trout and salmon fishermen. If so, I'd stay away from this setup and invest in a good set of outriggers such as those used by most coastal tuna trollers. The side boards are very effective on the Great Lakes, but are not really adequate for high speed trolling siutations such as you are likely to encounter when on the tuna grounds.

As a rule you troll at a very fast speed when seeking any of the tuna clan and in most instances, you will also be using rather large lures: both weighted and unweighted. The side boards may fit into your arsenal, but if it were me and I was working on a limited budget I'd go with the traditional outriggers first and the side boards as a second choice. Also, keep in mind that you will be trolling lures from the outriggers, side mounted gunnel rod holders and probably two or three flat lines off the stern area of your boat. Tuna respond to the white water that is caused by your props and most experienced tuna fishermen find they get best results when trolling the lures in this "working" water.

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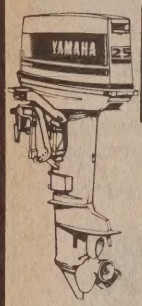

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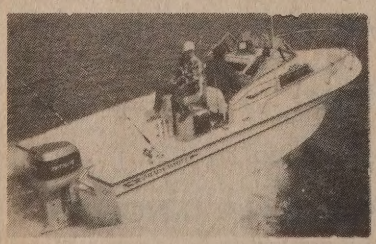
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SEND-A-KID FISHING: 1986

by Fred Golofaro

The 1986 segment of The Fisherman's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program is off and running with $1,600 already donated since the first of the year. This marks the fastest start in the program's four year history and makes us optimistic that 1986 will be bigger and better than ever. The first three years of Send-A-Kid Fishing saw the number of participating youngsters double to over 800 in 1985 thanks to the generous donations of Fisherman readers, fishing clubs and local businesses. I think it is reasonable to expect that we will easily surpass the 1,000 mark in 1986.

Donations to the program have taken on new form with the proceeds from fishing-related events being committed to Send-A-Kid Fishing. For example, back on March 20th, the Moriches Anglers Fishing Club held an open house featuring guest speakers Captain Zac Grossman and Captain John DeMaio. All of the proceeds from the $3 admission fee were turned over to Send-A-Kid Fishing and both skippers added their speaking fees to the pot as well. As a result, the program was $483 richer. Berkley's "Capt. Charlie Nappi Fluke Tournament," slated for June 28th and 29th, has already made a commitment that all proceeds from the event will be contributed to Send-A-Kid Fishing.

This year's segment of the program will also see the addition of two new donor categories. In an attempt to get some of the "big boys" of the Tackle industry involved in Send-A-Kid Fishing, we have established a Corporate Sponsorship. A contribution of $1,000 qualifies the donor as a Corporate Sponsor and include a special recognition by being listed as such, on the Send-A-Kid Fishing promo page run regularly in The Fisherman. The second new category will be labelled "Buy A Boat," which in effect is just what the donor will be doing. The $500 donation required here will cover the cost (and then some) of sending a boatload of youngsters out for a day of fishing. This category will appear as a separate listing with the list of contributors regularly published in The Fisherman at year's end. It will apply to any individual, club or business which makes a donation of $500 or more. Anyone requiring more information or wishing to be included in these new categories can call me at The Fisherman, (516) 725-4200.

The overall success of the program has been of tremendous satisfaction to myself and everyone at The Fisher-

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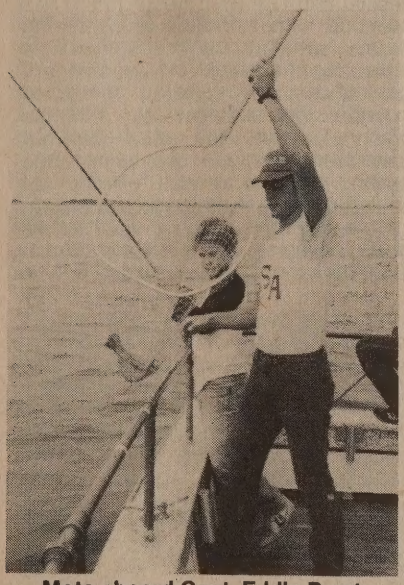
The Freeport based Hudson Anglers came through with a $500 donation in 1985.

Fluke have been the main target of the Send-A-Kid Fishing trips.



Mate aboard Capt. Eddie B nets a youngster's first fluke.

Some youngsters found they didn't have to catch fish to enjoy themselves.

man. And, judging by many of the letters and notes that we have received from donors, Send-A-Kid Fishing has made all of you out there feel a little better yourselves as well. No one knows better the value of fishing to a youngster than a fisherman, and by contributing to the program, there is the satisfaction that you have opened the door to this special world for some kid out there. And, of course, it's the youngsters themselves who are the greatest benefactors. The ability of those who contribute to relate to the needs of these youngsters, is perhaps the single greatest reason for the success of the Send-A-Kid Fishing Program. I think you'll agree that the following letter, condensed and anonymous, help bear this point out.

Dear Fred, Have been a loyal reader of The Fisherman for many years. The reason I am writing to you is about Send-A-Kid Fishing. I am sending this $200 because I know how important fishing was to me when I was growing up. You see, my father died when I was ten and my mother never really cared very much. Somehow, I did get into fishing (snappers in the summer and a lot of sunnies and catfish) and that was my great escape from everything. I guess I came out of it okay, but I never would have but for fishing. Glad I can help. Keep up the good work. Name omitted.

Dear Fred, your article really touched home. I only wish that I could do it all over again with my children. Somehow, I never was able to find the time. Maybe some other kids can benefit by my hard earned lesson. Here is $27 to send three kids fishing. Name omitted.

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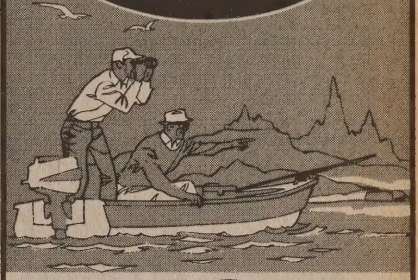

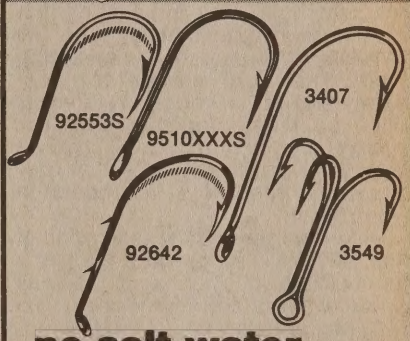

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

USCG RC MOHAWK

by John Raguso

The RC Mohawk was one of this country's few Naval casualties during the First World War. Although her position has been confirmed and is visited quite frequently by both divers and fishermen, there's not an abundance of historical data on how the Mohawk was sent to her final resting place. The usual sources of newspaper and/or historical references came up empty for this one, but through a stroke of luck, I chanced upon some interesting data that describes the Mohawk's last hours in great detail.

Before we get into the conclusion of this USCG Cutter's short life, let's briefly touch upon her happier days as a coastal patrol and rescue craft. The R.C. Mohawk was the fourth Government vessel of that name. She was designed as a first-class revenue cutter, built at Richmond, Virginia and commissioned on May 10, 1904. Based at New York, she cruised the Atlantic and adjacent waters between Gay Head, Mass. and the Delaware breakwater. Her primary duties were assisting vessels in distress and enforcing navigational laws. Interestingly enough, during her first year of operation, she tried unsuccessfully to rescue the crew of the steamship Drumelzier in December of 1904. The Drumelzier or Quadrant wreck will be the topic of a later article in this series and she sits along the beach, just to the east of Fire Island Inlet.

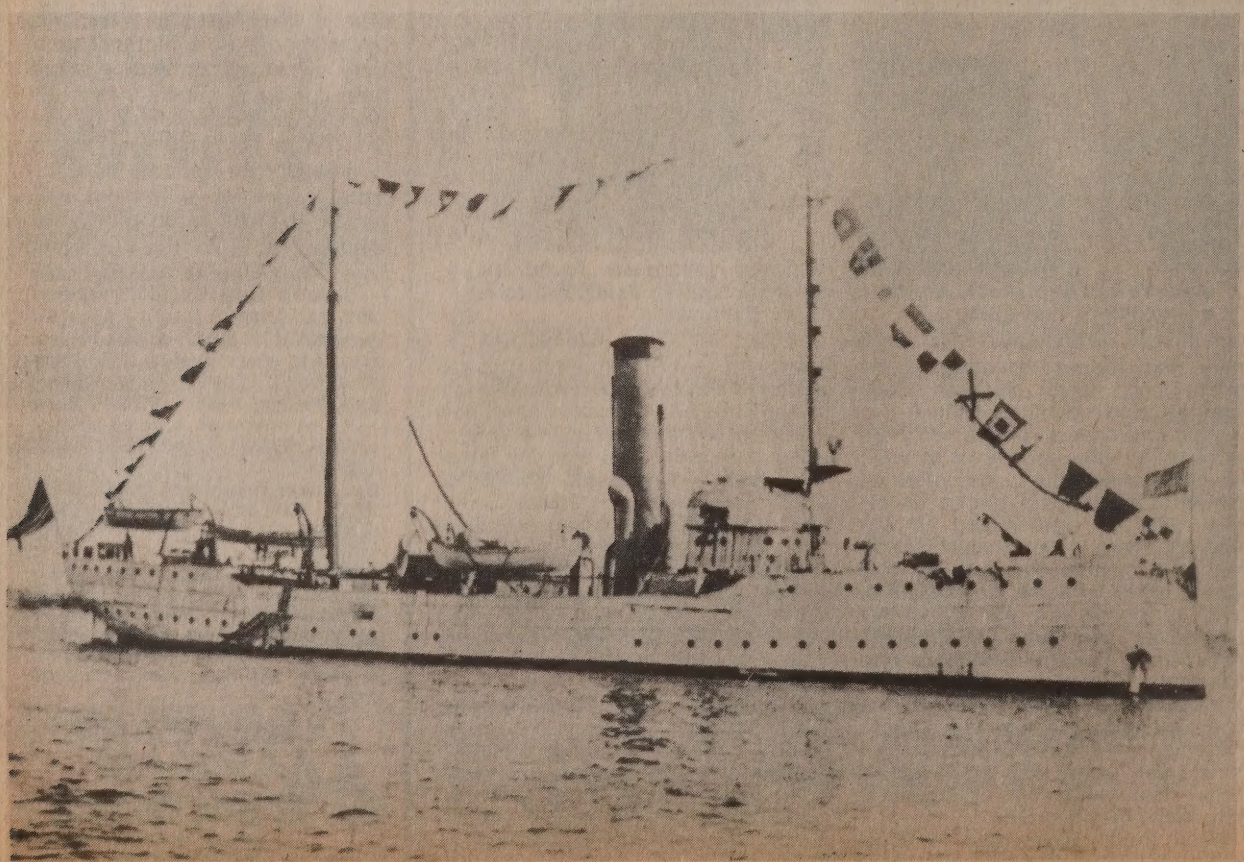
The Mohawk was temporarily transferred to the U.S. Navy on April 6, 1917. While serving on coastal duty in connection with convoy operations, she was struck by the British tanker Vennachar, and foundered just a few miles from the Old Ambrose Lightship.

The following are excerpts from the official U.S. Navy report of the sinking. The first document was filed to the Commander of the 3rd Naval District by the Mohawk's captain, and the second report filed to the Secretary of the Navy from the commanding officer of the USS Bridge, one of the vessels involved in the rescue operation.

The story according to the Mohawk's commander read as follows:

"I regret to report that the Mohawk was sunk this morning as a result of a collision with a British steamer, the name of which I have not been able to learn. As the vessel in question was one of a convoy being made up outside the entrance to Ambrose Channel, she will doubtless be identified later. As the vessel proceeded with the convoy, it is thought that she was not seriously damaged.

"At daylight October 1, the Mohawk reported, as directed, to the Commanding Officer, Division 5 (USS



Gloucester), at Ambrose Channel entrance, and was assigned to patrol sectors F, G and H, for protection of a convoy being made up and about to sail. I proceeded at once on this duty and gave orders to patrol in the sectors indicated, and directed the officer of the deck to keep at least one half mile from and outside the vessels of the convoy, which, at the time, were gathering in the vicinity, awaiting the arrival of the USS Tacoma. The Mohawk had steam on three of her four boilers, and was running at various speeds, as necessary. Lieut. Whitbeck who had the deck during the morning watch, was relieved by Cadet Mandeville at 8AM. As Headquarters had authorized Cadet Mandeville to stand a regular watch, and as the weather was clear and fine, and all conditions favorable, the other officers went to breakfast.

"About 8:20 I came on deck and saw a vessel of the convoy a short distance away on our starboard bow, headed at right angles to our course; as her bearing did not change, I saw that a collision would take place unless action were taken. I at once went on the bridge; asked the officer of the deck if he had blown any signals, he replied in the negative, and then blew several short blasts. The two vessels were then very close together. It is impossible to estimate the British steamer's speed. The latter was in a position where backing the Mohawk would, in my judgment, have resulted in being struck about abreast the boilers, in case the British vessel continued as she was going. I at once rang for full speed ahead and ordered the helm hard a starboard, in hopes of getting the blow as far aft as possible. If the other steamer's headway could have been stopped, or sternway effected, the Mohawk might have escaped serious injury. I took what I consider the only possible chance of avoiding the most serious trouble. The British vessel struck the Mohawk nearly at right angles, her stem cutting into the side amidships, abreast the engine room, between the launch davits, smashing the surf boat, and cutting into the ship's side to such an extent that the use of a collision mat was out of the question. Pumps were started at once, the general alarm sounded and all hands called to take stations for abandoning ship. I stopped the engines immediately, and the British steamer, which for a short time held her bow in the hole, went clear. Upon visiting the engine room I saw that the ship could not possibly be saved, and decided to use every effort to ensure the safety of the crew. I ordered all hands to abandon ship, which order was executed without confusion and the boats shoved off well clear, in case of boiler explosions, or sudden listing of the vessel. The ship filled rapidly, and began settling by the stern. All hands were reported in their boats, with necessary ship's papers, etc. I then made a tour of the ship to ascertain if everybody had left and shoved off in the gig, when I discovered an electrician coming out of the radio room. It seems he had been reported at his boat, but had gone back. He was at once taken into one of the boats and we continued to stand by. Later I went on board and made another inspection. At that time the water was up to the engine room gratings. In the meantime other patrol vessels had observed the trouble and were soon on the scene, although I did order any calls for assistance sent out. Sea conditions were not bad, and the boats could make good weather of it. About ten minutes before the Mohawk sank the USS Bridge ran a line to her, with the intention of trying to tow her, and I think had taken a strain on it when the Mohawk sank. She sank stern first, taking a heavy list to port as she went down.

"Apparently no explosions occurred. A considerable disturbance of water was shown near the bow, which was probably caused by air or gases. There was no wreckage visible worth saving. The officers and crew were taken on board the USS Mohigan and USS Sabalo, those on the Sabalo later being transferred to the Mohican. I reported by radio to the Commandant 3rd Naval District and the Captain Commandant of the Coast Guard. The Lighthouse Service was also notified. I had requested the patrol boats to get bearings of the Mohawk when she sank. Later the wreck was buoyed and the mast heads appeared abcve water. The approximate position was Ambrose Lightship by North 35 degrees W., distance 3.2 miles. While proceeding to port, orders were received to report to Commanding Officer, Base 6, where we arrived about 5PM. The officers and crew were well provided for, and made comfortable for the night. The four boats saved were moored at the wharf. I wish to speak in the highest terms of the behavior of officers and men, and to express my gratitude to the officers and crews of the vessels who assisted. Everybody was well provided for on board the Mohican, where dinner was served for all hands, and hot coffee served morning and afternoon. The Commanding Officer at Base 6 has provided quarters, blankets, necessary clothing and, in fact, has done everything possible for our comfort. There are 65 enlisted men, four warrant officers and eight officers, including myself, now awaiting further instructions at this base. No one suffered any serious injury from exposure or otherwise. A muster roll will be prepared and submitted. Unfortunately, the ship's log book for September was not saved. I inquired for it, and was told that the Ship's Writer had it with him. Upon checking up the books later, I found that he had brought the logs for July and August, and did not get the September log. Master rolls and payrolls were saved, as well as signal books and other confidential papers. An inventory of all articles saved will be made up and submitted."

The report submitted by the commander of the USS Bridge confirms some of these details, but offers a

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USCG RC MOHAWK
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: October 1, 1917
Length: 205.5 feet
Beam: 32 feet
Displacement: 1,150 tons
Depth of Water: 93 feet
Depth over Wreck: 66 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 40-25.04 N/73-44.81 W
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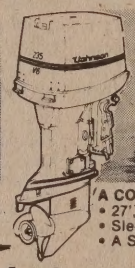

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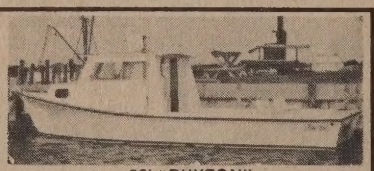

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slightly different perspective. He discusses his version of the sinking of the RC Mohawk and its location on the ocean floor. In the memo he states:

"Prior to joining convoy on this date an 'S.O.S.' radio call from the USS Mohawk was received at 8:28 a.m. On leaving Ambrose Channel full speed was ordered, special lookouts were stationed, and all hands directed to search for signs of the Mohawk.

A second message was received at 8:30: "Our set will be flooded any minute," and this was followed by the words "We were in collision with vessel off Ambrose Lightship." The New York Herald then broadcast the following message: "Any ship to assistance of Mohawk off Ambrose, sinking, sinking, rush." This message was prefaced by the words, "Stop interference, rush."

Meanwhile, the Mohawk had been sighted and the Bridge was standing down to her assistance at full speed. Orders were given to clear away boats, warm up towing engine, and have rescue parties equipped with life jackets.

At this time the Mohawk appeared to be on an even keel and she had not settled to any great extent, for her waterline was plainly visible at intervals. A boat on the starboard side just forward of the poop deck, had been stove in and crushed to splinters, showing the point of impact to have been somewhat abaft the midship section of the vessel. The sea was choppy and a fresh breeze was blowing from the northwest.

The Bridge took up a position on the weather side close aboard, in order to form a lee. A boat was quickly lowered and an 8 inch towing hawser carried to the Mohawk. The line was led through the towing check and made fast to the forward bitts. No one could be found on board, but a number of boats were noticed in the vicinity loaded with officers and men. One of these called the Bridge by semaphore and reported that all papers and valuables had been removed. The Commanding Officer of the Mohawk hailed the Bridge his gig and was invited on board, but replied that he would go on board one of the vessels of the Section Patrol.

A code message was sent to the Convoy Commander, "Request permission to salve Mohawk and join convoy later." This request was disapproved, but when the reply came, the Mohawk was in tow of the bridge and the latter's engines were going ahead one-third speed.

The imperative need of conserving all the nation's forces at the present time was appreciated and it was hoped that the bridge could at least reach shallow water with her tow before the latter settled. The Communication Officer was therefore directed to send a second message to the Convoy Commander, "Have Mohawk in tow and believe I can save her if granted permission," but before the message could be completely

transmitted it was noticed that the Mohawk had begun to sink rapidly and list heavily to port.

When it was evident that nothing further could be accomplished by towing, the Commanding Officer was forced to cut the tow line and throw both engines full speed ahead to get well clear.

With her bow high in the air, the Mohawk settled slowly emitting quantities of smoke; there was no explosion. A boat from the Bridge was sent to the spot as soon as safety permitted and a red anchor buoy secured to a boat anchor was planted directly over the wreck in latitute 40 degrees-25'-N and Longitude 73 degrees-47'-W. the Mohawk sank by the stern almost end on and is lying in 15 fathoms of water.

Too much cannot be said for the prompt assistance and able seamanship displayed by Ensign James F. Hopkins, U.S. Navy, in charge of the motor boat; Ensign James J. O'Brien, U.S. Navy, in charge of quarterdeck and towing engine; Chief Boatswain's Mate James Wallace and crew of 3rd Motor sailing launch. In fact, the whole ship's company showed a spirit of smartness and eagerness to serve that was most commendable and would have borne good fruit had the Mohawak but kept afloat an hour longer.''

The Mohawk's resting place on the ocean bottom is situated about 4 nautical miles S/E of Ambrose Light. This position is just off the 15 fathom curve as it snakes its way north from the depths of the Mud Hole West. The deep 20 to 30 fathom trenches are only a few miles away, and this puts the Mohawk directly in line with a popular migration route for many of our summertime pelagic species.

In addition to the typical groundfish population of hake, sea bass, blackfish and an occasional cod, you can expect to find swarms of bluefish cruising the general vicinity. When water temperatures are favorable in August and September, schools of bonito and false albacore love to patrol the 15 fathom curve area near the wreck in search of forage. Since the popular shark grounds near the BA buoy are also in close proximity to the Mohawk, I wouldn't be surprised to see small makos, blue and brown sharks sitting on the seaward edge of the bluefish schools. As an aside, some of the Atlantic wreck divers who have frequented the R.C. Mohawk advise that it's near a municipal dump site, so be sure which way the current is running before you go bottom fishing on the wreck.

In summary, I'd like to thank wreck historian Eric Garay for making the Dept. of the Navy correspondence available to me for this article and also thanks to Frank Cerbini and the Suffolk Marine Museum for directing me to a photo of this Coast Guard vessel.

Next week, we're going to cruise about 4 miles to the Northwest to investigate the early 60s sinking of the Ambrose Lightship.

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BLACKFISH: A REAL TOUGH CUSTOMER

by Matt Ahern

Several weeks ago a father and son fishing team stopped at the house and dropped off a half bucket of blackfish. (Thanks again, fellers.) These weren't just blackfish—these were blackfish! The son kindly offered to clean those blackfish for me "in jig time." But I would have none of that, for two reasons. These fellows were pretty pooped at the end of a hectic fishing day in the cold, and two: it had been awhile since I had cleaned a mess of blackfish and I couldn't wait to get my hands on them.

I was down to the last fish, a five pounder, when my son Steve walked in the door.

"You didn't...?"

"No, I didn't." And I explained how I'd come into this windfall.

As Steve admired the blackfish, I went to work with the knife, slicing off thick, mouth-watering fillets.

"You know, Dad, I've been looking at blackfish all my life and I just realized that this fish is one tough cookie. Look at the way it's built. Look at that tough mouth, those almost human teeth...and that skin is like leather. What a fish!"

With such an accolade going for it, I thought it would be interesting to delve into the lifestyle of this grand game fish of the bottom fishing clan. Have I caused grins to bloom unseen? You don't think a blackfish should be classified as a game fish? I have only this to say: wait until you hook into one. If you don't change your way of thinking about old chisel-tooth, I'll quit the game right now.

Fortunately for us, blackfish are widespread; their coastal range being extensive, running from the Virginia Capes to Nova Scotia, with the greatest abundance taking up residence from Long Island to along the New Jersey coast. (Lucky, lucky!)

Our pugnacious friend isn't migratory in the true sense of the word, as are cod and mackerel, for instance. But it has been established that blackfish do have definite inshore and offshore movement, which is governed solely by water temperatures. Old chisel-tooth is seldom found in large concentrations beyond the 100 foot zone. (I've caught them as deep as 125 feet while fall codfishing, but never in great numbers.) Most blackfish seem to favor the 60 foot depths—although this is not to say that if an excellent feeding ground is in the 90 foot depths they will go hungry first before entering it.

Depending upon the area fished, and because of the lack of precise nomenclature, most popular fish are known by more than one name—which can indeed be difficult for a beginner to the fishing game. Should you hear New England fishermen praising the fighting ability of the tautog, it is our friend being called by its American Indian name. This confusion is unrestrained in the Chesapeake Bay area where such names as black porgy, chub, saltwater chub, white chin and moss are often used. But we fishermen from Long Island and New Jersey are content to settle for the unassuming descriptive name of blackfish.

But at times even this name can be deceptive as the blackfish's coloration may vary between dull black and greenish black, or brownish above, with more or less distinct irregular dark bars or blotches. These bars and blotches are most noticeable on immature fish. Actually, fishery scientists recognize two color patterns: one being plain black and the other having irregular blackish or brownish bars on a pale background.

But not to worry, for fishermen would indeed find it difficult to mistake a blackfish, for its stubby, muscular body is shared by no other local fish. Nature has designed this fish to live around reefs, old wreckage, rock piles, ledges and spilling around decayed piers and wharves—in short, any and all sunken obstructions on a normally flat sea bed. And Nature has done her work well, for

wherever barnacles, mussels and various crustaceans about, there you will find blackfish.

A blackfish's skin is tough and slippery, which enables it to glide in and out of cluttered areas with ease and no injury. Its scales are deeply embedded, as any fisherman who has attempted to remove them will attest. It also has the annoying habit (from the fisherman's point of view) of browsing over a selected area with its head down and tail up much like a flock of sheep in a meadow. All of which means that should a bait miss this selected area by even a few feet, it will go unnoticed. Unquestionably, this is why you may get a blackfish at every drop, but your buddy only a few feet away will froth at the mouth from vexation—and sheer boredom.

The average blackfish caught in our local waters will usually weigh between 1½ and 2 pounds, although much larger fish can be expected during a good fishing day. Fall fishing usually produces larger fish—as a rule. I say "as a rule" because the largest blackfish I've caught to this date was a 14 pounder taken on a Memorial Day about 55 years ago while chasing early sea bass on the Sea Bright, New Jersey grounds. It was taken on a slice of skimmer.

Eight to ten pounders are not uncommon in springtime, especially when fishing Long Island Sound, the Montauk area and throughout New England. But don't set your sights too high. This type of fishing is usually specialized and is done by fishermen who know blackfish from A to Z. But you know—hope springs eternal.

June is the big spawning month for blackfish in our area. When water temperatures are most favorable for successful spawning, it is not uncommon to see scores of mature blackfish gamboling on the surface—usually at dusk.

I recall an incident that happened some years ago when Artie Leidecker and I were returning from a good day's porgy fishing on the inshore Sea Bright Grounds. We noticed a commotion about 100 yards ahead and ner the Shrewsbury Rocks. We figured it was a tardy school of mackerel feeding on whatever small surface swimming bait fish were available. We discovered, however, that they were spawning blackfish and as we approached they showed no sign of fear. It would have been a simple task to lower our fluke net and reap a harvest—some of those fish were easily five pounds and better. Artie cut the engine and we drifted among them. So fearless were they that I lowered a gaff handle and actually pushed some of those fish below the surface, whereupon they swam right back up as if nothing had happened. Most of these were white-chinned males and to net these fish would have been nothing short of murder.

Depending upon the size of each female, eggs often number in hundreds of thousands; the larger the fish, naturally, the more eggs it is capable of producing. I've been told blackfish do not feed during actual spawning time, but it is something I cannot verify.

When spawning, fish are not paired. Each large male blackfish is capable of fertilizing the entire egg yield from eight to ten females. Nature leaves nothing to chance. And this being so, it is one of the reasons some authorities believe the ratio of 10 females to one male in the fish world is quite common. In fact, some of these learned gentlemen believe the ratio is more nearly 12 to one—but we won't split hairs. Just remember that for every white-chinned male you catch, there are 10 or 12 of the more gentler sex ready and willing to do battle with you.

The eggs are buoyant and have no oil globule as do many other fish eggs, and each is about 1/25 inches in diameter when hatched. This takes 42 to 45 hours at a needed water temperature of 68 to 72 degrees. Undoubtedly many perish because of adverse weather conditions, for that tough-as-nails blackfish is highly susceptible to severe fluctuations in water temperature.

Those that survive are approximately 1/12 inches at hatching. The nourishing yolk sac is completely absorbed by the time the infant is 1/8 inches in length. Its small, tough-as-leather mouth, equipped with those noticeable front teeth, is completely formed by then. At 3/8 inches many of the characteristics of the adult fish are already evident.

(I recall one morning some years ago when Artie and I lifted aboard the burlap bag which contained a half-bushel of skimmer just prior to leaving. We had left it on bottom overnight for safe-keeping. To the bag's sides hung dozens of half to three-quarter inch blackfish, their teeth snagged in the bag's mesh. It was to me a most wondrous thing. To see perfect replicas such as these made me more aware of Nature and the fact that we humans are but one instance of her scheme of things.)

A blackfish's growth is fairly rapid: fish from three to six inches are thought to be one year old. Weight can vary. One 13 incher may weigh 1½ pounds, while another of 14 inches may only weigh 3/4 pounds. The reason for this is because some blackfish are much deeper in body than others; whether this is due to a separate strain of blackfish is unknown. From my personal observation over the years, I find that female blackfish tend to show this characteristic.

You now have in your possession a little extra information on "one tough cookie." If you make it a point to file it away in your mental bank, I'll guarantee you'll be able to amaze your buddies any time you care to. And for some reason, you'll catch more blackfish too.

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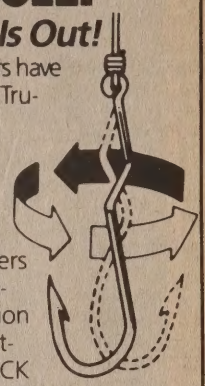

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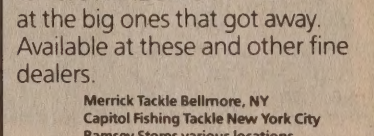

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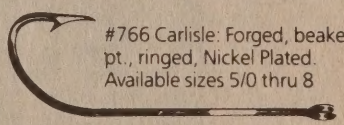

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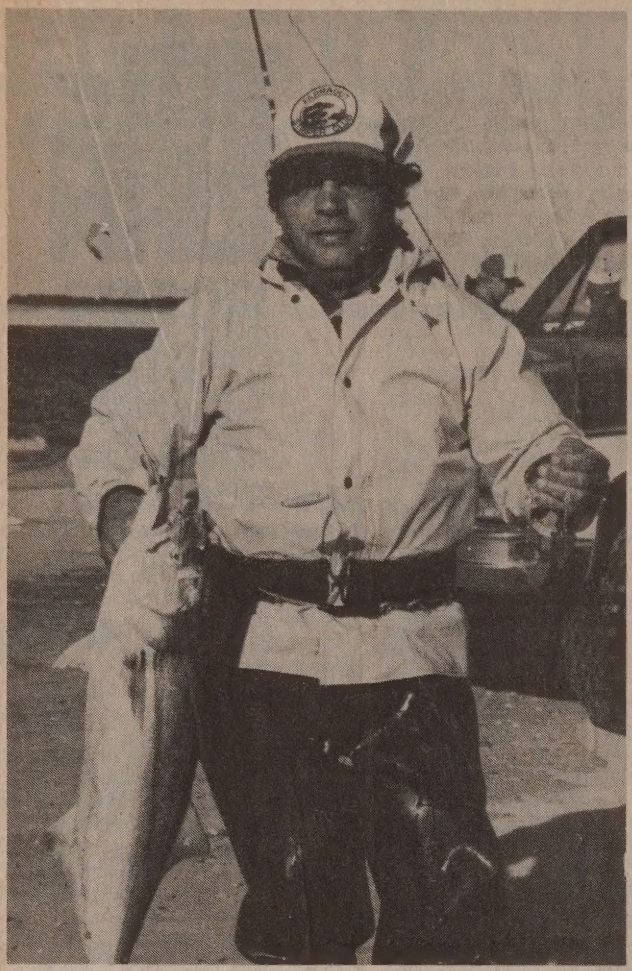

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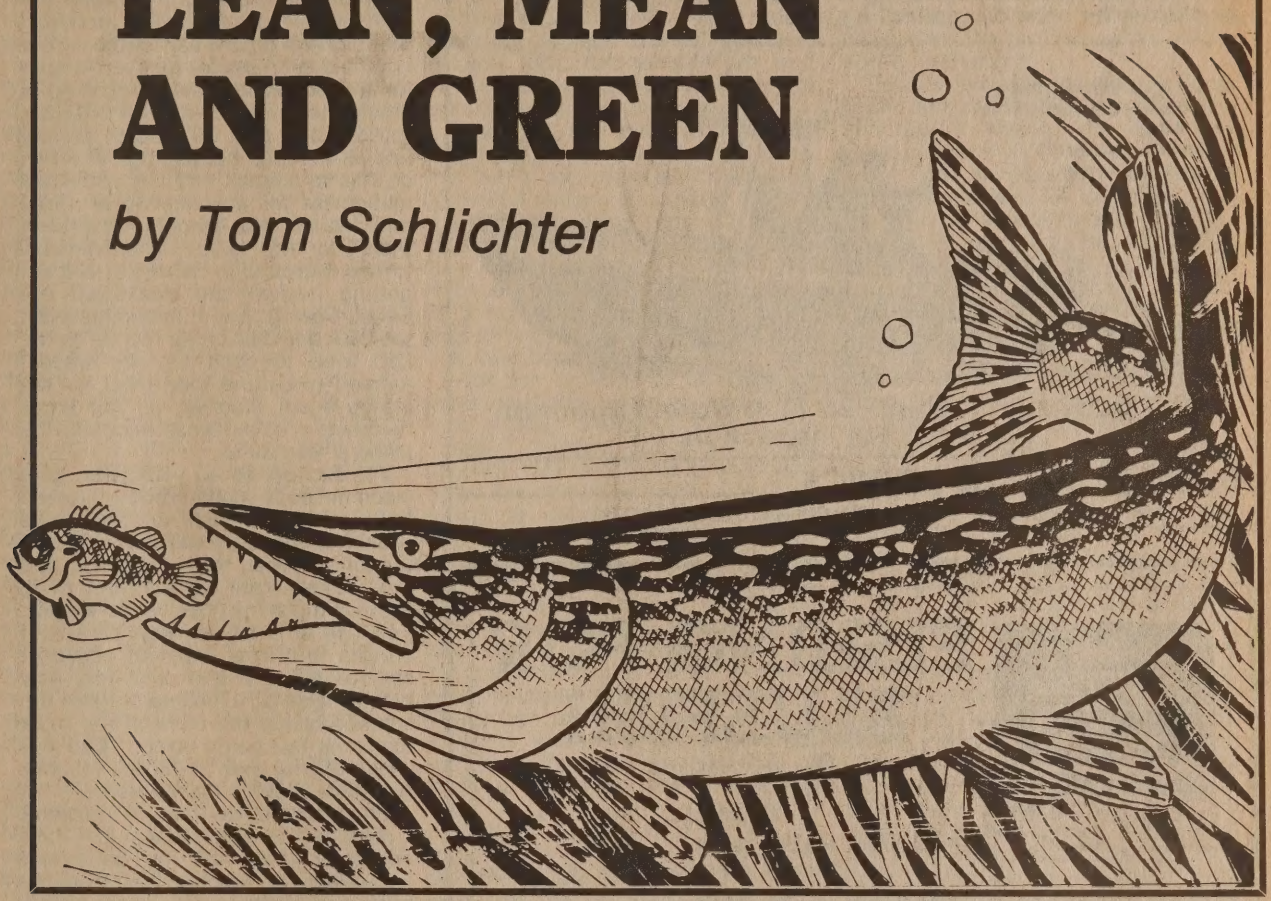

The wolf of Long Island's freshwater species is undoubtedly the pickerel. Torpedo-shaped and armed with the most vicious set of dentures this side of bluefish, these feisty cousins of pike and muskies are often portrayed as easy to catch but like the infamous canine, which is equally aggressive in the field, when it comes to avoiding direct contact with humans they are much more intelligent than given credit for.

Perhaps the myth of pickerel being easy to catch radiates from the ferociousness and zeal with which they attack both natural and artificial baits. Once committed to making a kill, it is all one can do to try and pull an offering away unscathced. On the other hand, if you have ever witnessed a pickerel which has made up its mind that it isn't hungry ignore baits and lures dragged in front of, across and over its nose, you might assume it to be vegetarian.

Long Island lakes and ponds contain several species of pickerel. The two most common are the small grass or redfin pickerel, **Esos americanus**, which grows to a length of 7 to 12 inches and the chain pickerel, **Esox niger**, which can grow to over 30 inches and attain weights of up to 6 lbs. in our waters. It is this second species which concerns us as the May 1st season opening approaches.

A shallow water warrior, the chain pickerel is fond of feeding in depths of 6 inches to 4 feet during the spring, summer and fall. During the winter months, ice fishermen may take them as deep as 9 feet but rarely any deeper. They are well camouflaged with a basic green or reddish brown coat marked by weaved ''chains'' of darker shades across the back and sides. This color scheme allows the pickerel to blend in well with the shallow weedbeds, submerged logs and grassy flats near which they prey. In fact, if you've done much freshwater fishing on the Island, you have probably startled or been startled by a pickerel or two suspended but a few feet from the shoreline. This happens quite frequently to me since I wade when doing most of my freshwater fishing. After witnessing a huge swell just a step or two ahead of where you are standing, you catch the brief outline of a 24 inch fish steaming away toward deeper water. ''How could I not see him?'' you ask yourself out loud. A few hurried casts in the direction the demon was last seen heading prove useless and you spend the next five minutes watching the water you wade through as if your life depended on not missing the next fish. After five or ten minutes, however, it's back to business as usual—until a few steps later it happens again! As Charlie Brown so eloquently puts it, ''Aarrrrrr!''

My first encounter with a pickerel came when I was about 12 years old and working a shallow Bayport pond. I was fishing for small bass with a five inch Rebel plug that was old, leaned to one side when retrieved, and was missing the center treble. I had taken two small bass that morning by retrieving the lure slowly over a shallow sand flat that bordered a long weed bed and was hoping for a third as I cast to the same spot. This cast, however, produced no response and a second and third cast proved equally unproductive. My fourth cast was a little off target, landing in open water about 15 feet from the weed bed. As I retrieve the lure back, I could see it clearly against the sandy bottom—then I noticed a wake. Closing in fast from the side, a nasty looking pickerel was about to intercept my lure. Just the night before I had read an article on baitfishing for pickerel and now, with amazing swiftness, every word I had read flashed through my head.

The bulge grew high as the fish

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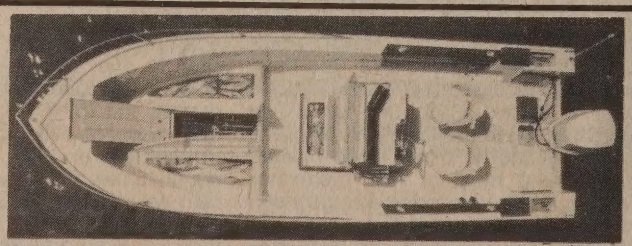

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veered in for the kill and how I managed to keep a steady retrieve I'll never know. With lightning speed the fish struck and I could see its teeth clamp down firmly on the back and belly of my lure—right between the two sets of hooks! Having just read that pickerel grab a bait in the center and hold it crossways in their mouth for a few seconds before turning it around to swallow, I STOPPED my retrieve and took all tension off my line as if I was baitfishing. The fish cruised to a quick halt and remained motionless for a good two or three minutes without dropping the lure, then, to my great astonishment, turned it around in its mouth without getting hooked and swallowed the Rebel. Seeing this, I immediately set the hook and held on for my life as the fish tried to dash for the weeds, jumped twice and then tried for the weeds again. Luckily, all my knots held and in a few tense minutes, the pickerel was mine.

As excited as a youngster gets when he lands such a trophy, I tossed the unfortunate fish into my bike basket, grabbed my rod and sped up a bumpy dirt road to the highway and the nearest scale I could think of to see how much my prize would weight. For lack of a tackle shop nearby, I cruised to a local deli, cut ahead of several patrons and laid the now bloody mess (all 17 inches of it) on the counter asking the clerk in my most matter-of-fact polite voice, "Can you weigh this for me?" I guess I'm lucky he didn't shove it up my sleeve.

That was the last "stupid" pickerel I managed to take. Since that first encounter, I've had my baits and lures stared at, ignored, torn from my hook, cut clean in half, and confiscated on many occasions. Just when I think I have these fish figured out the next day finds no pickerel in the same holes that produced 3 or 4 the previous day. Even worse, some days the fish are in the same holes, but will completely ignore the same baits they would have killed each other over only 24 hours ago. And even though I am constantly on the lookout for these well camouflaged predators, I still spook about twice as many as I spot while wading.

As with largemouth bass fishing, tackle selections for pickereling largely depends on whether you intend to fish with lures or live bait. For the purist, a light rod with a little backbone and a matching spinning reel that can handle 4 to 8 lb. test line will fill the bill. The bait fisherman will find a setup that handles 8 to 10 lb. test lines a little more practical. In either case, a smooth working and well oiled drag is a must for pickerel are capable of explosive runs which, although short in duration, will test your gear and knots to the max. A locked-up drag is a sure way to bust off one of these bruisers.

Popular lures in local waters include Rebels and Rapalas in trout, black and gold or black and silver finishes, an assortment of spinners

such as Mepps and Roostertails, small spoons including Johnson's Sprite and the ever popular Daredevle and even small spinnerbaits along the line of Johnson's Chummin' Minnow. The spinners and spoons are usually worked in fairly open water with steady, slow retrieves while the Rebles and Rapalas work best near cover with erratic retrieves and plenty of short, choppy twitches. One especially productive trick I've learned with the Rebels and Rapalas is to cast them behind floating wooden rafts or boards and reel them back so that they actually cut just under the edge of the debris. You'll lose a lot of lures this way, but you'll also take some bragging sized fish.

Bait fishermen will find live killies to be a suitable and readily available bait. Most tackle shops sell these by dozens or quarts and $3 or $4 will set you up with enough fish to last the morning. A better bait, if you can find a source, is small (3 to 5 inch) live golden shiners (commonly called "roach"). I don't know of any place on the Island that sells these, probably because they are hard to keep alive. You can catch your own by baiting a small #12 hook with a pinch of bread or dough and fishing it below a small bobbin in a lake known to hold these fish. Catching a dozen or so is no tough task, however, once you have them you need water changes every 15 minutes or an aerator to keep them alive.

For live bait rigging, a single hook rig with no weight or float is usually the best way to go. Many anglers hook their bait through the lips or eyes so that the minnow appears to be swimming naturally as it is retrieved. I've had better luck, however, hooking my baitfish just below the dorsal fin at mid-back. This works well for two reasons: the fish looks like it is really struggling whenever you twitch the rod and, if you think back to the story I told earlier, pickerel tend to grab their baits right in the middle. Size #4 or #6 Eagle Claw or Mustad beak style hooks are about the right size, but when working large baits you can use slightly bigger hooks. Just be sure that the hook you select is not big enough to sink your bait. Pickerel like their prey fresh and lively and a killie wallowing on the bottom will usually be ignored.

Once rigged for battle, simply cast to a productive looking spot and allow your bait to swim wherever it wants to go (within reason, of course). If there is a hungry pickerel around it won't take long to find it. Let your bait work for a minute or two and if there is no response, twitch it in a few feet and let it set again. Repeat this process until either you find a fish or the bait is at your boots.

Look for pickerel to be close to shore no matter when or where you drop a line. Basically, they prefer "bassy" looking coves or points although they tend to be in shallower water than the largemouths. Working weeds or debris is a must when stalking these predators as they are quite territorial and rarely stray more than a few feet from such sheltered homesteads. Submerged oil drums, dock pilings, floating docks, thick weed beds or scattered reeds growing in 1 to 2 feet of water are all excellent bets and deserve close scrutinization. Remember to cast parallel to shore ahead of where you wade or direct your craft. This way you are likely to catch a few fish before spooking them.

Although some very large fish are taken during the fall months, the best pickerel action probably occurs in early May just as the season opens. Water temperatures are still cool at this time and the pickerel are at their most aggressive—sometimes even swimming out in open water. As summer approaches, the water warms and pickerel retreat further and further back into the shade of thick underwater weeds. I've taken pickerel at all times of the day but tend to do best in the morning hours. Primarily sight feeders, pickerel seem to me to be most aggressive between 7AM and 8AM, after the sun has gotten a little above the horizon.

Popular pickerel location on Long Island include the Peconic, Carmens and Carll's Rivers, Mill Pond and Cannon Lakes in Patchogue, Southard's Pond in Babylon, Hempstead Lake, Forge Pond in Riverhead and the Twin Lakes of Wantagh. These by no means have a monopoly on the pickerel action, however, as almost all Long Island lakes, ponds and rivers have at least a few swimming about.

Long Islanders with the record books on their mind will find that our waters produce some contending sized fish (the fly rod records are especially susceptible—large white streamers produce some excellent catches in the Peconic River), but I doubt that the all tackle record of 9.6 lbs. will be matched here. Still, each season sees a few 5 to 6 lb. fish taken—but usually on heavy lines by bait fishermen. With a little luck and a lot of skill, it is possible a record could come from our waters at any time.

Pickerel are vicious fighters which will roll on the surface, jump and tailwalk, and drag your line through, under and around every hang-up in sight and it's easy to see how they could often be portrayed as fish that rely solely on aggressiveness and brute strength to survive. There are a few fishermen around, however, who know the wolf of our freshwaters to be a little smarter than many give credit for and while we will admit that pickerel are lean, mean and green fighting machines, we also know that this fish is often one very smart and stubborn cookie.

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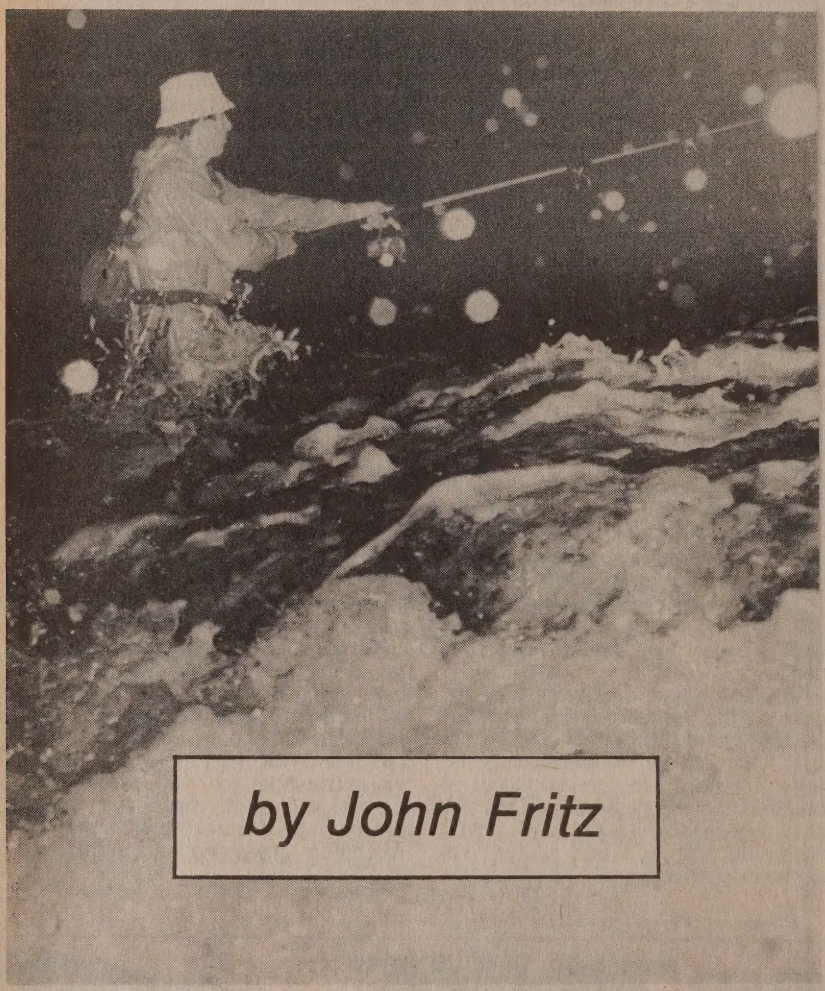

by John Fritz

Fishermen making the journey east to fish the famed shores of Montauk, invariably discover that North Bar and the Lighthouse are superb locations to seek inshore game fish. Of somewhat lesser renown, but one which occasionally outshines the more popular areas, is Jones Reef. Situated midway between the Light and the Bar, this almost unobtrusive bulge of shore is often ignored by anglers rushing to join the crowd. On many occasions this indifference is unfortunate, for frequently the currents swirling over the Reef will harbor an abundance of game fish while playing host to few, if any, surfcasters.

During the course of the season though, there are times when the Reef receives a great deal of attention, not only from tourists drifting down from the nearby parking lot, but from knowledgeable Montauk regulars. Tommy Sepp, Percy Heath, Johnny Kronuch and his wife Kathy are but a few resident Montauk surfcasters frequently found belly-up to the surf at the Reef. It is a favorite place to greet those first arriving bass in spring and a late season alternative when all the rocks are taken under the Light or cheek and jowl conditions prevail to the west at North Bar. Let it be understood that Jones Reef need not be relegated as a second class spot; Tommy Sepp beached a 50 there last October, one of the largest, if not the largest bass to be taken "Up Front" this past season. On more than one occasion, after spending too many fruitless hours perched on a slippery rock under the Light, my passage homeward revealed several good sized bass gasping for air on the beach at the Reef.

To refer to the shore at the Reef as a beach is a misnomer, for the jumble of grapefruit sized rocks which comprise the Reef is not conducive to sunbathing, swimming, walking or any other activity normally conducted on a beach. It could only be attractive to rock collectors and surf fishermen and I'm not too sure of the latter. Waders or a wet suit are a must if one is to fish the Reef properly. Metal cleats or felt soles will improve one's ability to maintain a footing when stumbling over the submerged slime coated rocks natural to this part of Montauk. Since the Reef is subjected to the full effects of the open sea, the incessant swells prevent a person from sustaining a stable position. The constant shuffling of one's feet forces an angler to seek new purchase after each movement. Walt's Walkers, sold among other place at Johnny's Tackle in Montauk, is an ordinary pair of rubbers, fitted with 6 pairs of metal cleats, which slip onto any standard wader. Just make sure to take a few wraps with vinyl tape around the instep and arch; this will prevent their loss while floundering around in the wash.

Any angler, wading into the surf washing over Jones Reef, should resign himself to the fact that they are going to get a little wet around the edges. Conventional waders should be paired with a pull-over top and fastened with a tight fitting belt, standard equipment for veteran anglers venturing into the surf anywhere. A surf fisherman, dressed accordingly, should stay reasonably dry, unless he trips, except for one troublesome area. It is virtually impossible to prevent sea water from penetrating these protective garments at the wrist openings. Helly Hansen sleeves, vinyl tape or strips of Velcro sewn to the sleeves of the top will alleviate this problem somewhat but not entirely.

Due to the fact that crowds are not commonplace on Jones, the choice of tackle is less restrictive. In the spring, when school bass predominate, lightweight 8 or 9 foot sticks are standard fare. Later on in the season, when the size of the fish and consequently the lures increase, 10 foot medium action rods are favored. When blustery onshore winds and heavy seas dictate the use of hefty plugs and more forceful casts, the basic 11 foot surf sticks are lugged out. Lines testing anywhere from 10 to 20 pounds can be used, dependent solely on the anglers preference in lures and selection of tackle. Most area regulars prefer Ande line, because of its superior resistance to abrasion, an admirable feature when fishing a shore festooned with rocks and boulders such as Montauk.

In a similar vein, the choice of lures of those working the Reef has run the entire gamut of a surf fisherman's bag of tricks from tins to swimming plugs. Even though the Needlefish has replaced many time-tested lures in the average plug bag, there is little doubt that what worked well in the past will continue to interest resident game fish.

Much fishing is done during the twilight hours dictating a need for a broad selection of lures. Daylight hours favor the use of popping plugs. Pencil poppers, a perennial favorite, are augmented by standard poppers such as the Striper Swiper by Atom. White and silver colored plugs receive wide use here during the course of the season, but in the early weeks of the season light tackle enthusiasts choose the smaller models of the white Creek Chub popper. Flattened tins are favored by many casters as they can be retrieved at a slower rate of speed and are less prone to snag the bottom. In the darkening hours, after the sun has sunk below the horizon, or in the murk of a roiled sea, tins painted either white or yellow often take fish when the more customary lures fail to generate any interest.

Before the era of the Needlefish, the Jones Reef area was RedFin country. It was a toss-up whether the blue-backed pearl or the pearl plug with its light yellow back took more fish. The 7 inch RedFin, most often loaded with water to increase their casting range, was often the sole item employed by North Side regulars throughout much of the early season at a time when moderate seas are likely to be encountered.

In the fall, when nor'easters forge classic rough seas, and force migrating fish closer to shore, the Montauk standby is brought forth to penetrate the wind and do its bit in the swift waters for which it was designed. In days gone by, no Montauk surf fisherman would be caught without at least one yellow Gibbs darter in his possession. An all time favorite under the Light, this plug was no less effective in the heavy water off Jones.

Whereas North Bar is basically fished on the ebb and the Light on the flood, action can be had on the Reef on either tide. The majority of those working Jones prefer the seaward flow of water, in particular, the last three hours of the tide. Theory has it that at this stage of the tide, the exceptionally strong rush of water flushes the baitfish from their niche of refuge further west in Clark's Cove and beyond. When fishing at this stage of the tide, it is necessary to wade a bit off the beach in order to present the lure through the better part of the rip. Now you need those wristbands and cleats.

On the other hand, there are some surfmen who advocate plugging the opposite tide, the high incoming, when bait is pocketed in the bowl located immediately to the left of the Reef itself.

Jones Reef, if located on any other shore of Long Island would soon become a local hotspot; unfortunately it is lost among the many top-notch fishing spots in Montauk. Simply because it is overshadowed by the glamour sites of the Point, Jones Reef should not be overlooked. Who knows, another 50 might take up residence behind the same boulder Tommy Sepp's did.

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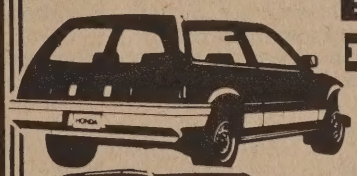

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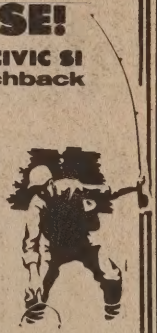

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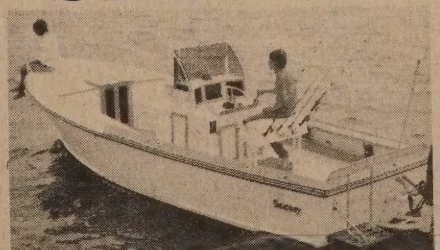

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FLOUNDER SPOTS

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

While commiserating this winter with a good friend and fellow fisherman Lou Ocello, we found ourselves debating the pros and cons of fishing from a small trailerable boat. Lou, incidentally, does most of his fishing from a 14 foot skiff, While I do most of my sinker bouncing from a 22 footer. So both sides were well represented. While Lou made some good points, he also brought back fond memories of a time I did most of my fishing from a small rental skiff, when I was younger. We compared notes, and I realized that I did quite a bit of damage to the local finned population back then and it should have come as no surprise to me that Lou **still** does pretty well back in the bays.

Back then we rented our skiffs from Phil Simon's Fishing Station located on the town dock in Woodmere. This was about 20 years ago and I hear that Phil's still going strong. It was this part of Hempstead Bay that kept us in fluke, flounder, blue claw crabs and snappers all those years, and according to Lou, there's a hole back there that still gives up some nice bluefish, weakfish and an occasional striper.

Most of my experiences took place more than a couple of years ago, so in preparation for this article, I'm going to lean on Lou Ocello's expertise to bring you up to date on the west end of Hempstead Bay. You can attack this area from the north by rental skiff from Phil Simon's place on the Woodmere Town Dock, or from the south by renting from Frank's Fishing Station in Island Park or the Long Beach Marina in Long Beach.

This area is a great spot to kick off the flounder season. Most of Lou's more successful flounder expeditions take place right off the Golf Course (to the west of the town dock) from red buoy "A26" all along Woodsburgh Channel to where it meets Broad Channel. Most of the bottom here is flat and sandy with deeper holes that contain the soft muddy bottom that the local flounder like to cuddle up on. Concentrate on working the deeper parts of the channel, in particular the bottom between buoys A26 and A22. You're likely to find plenty of sluggish flounder around here in the spring. You'll also find some flounder lounging around on the flats right off the Golf Course when the water is high and the sun is shining brightly. Although it doesn't look like it's possible on the chart (#12352) you can pick your way through with a small boat if you're careful. There are more

holes to investigate further down Woodsburgh channel between buoys A20 and A7 right off Duck Point. Most of these holes are found near the edges of the channel just a short cast from the sodbanks. The concave bottom structures found around buoys A14 and A12 have been particularly good the last couple of seasons. The area near buoy A8 (which we refer to as "The Pencil Buoy") usually surrenders its first flounder to those astute anglers who see fit to push the start of the season. Broad Channel has its share of flounder too, although it's usually a matter of picking piece of sandy bottom between buoys B12 and B15 and chumming until the flounder respond. The stretch of Nums Channel between buoys B43 and B33 is sometimes paved with flounder during the spring. All of these waters are well protected from the wind and should fishable under most conditions, although a little uncomfortable in a small skiff. So be prepared and dress warm!

Lou and I both feel that chum is essential if you want to increase your tally. However, Lou likes to use cracked mussels for chum while I depend on ground up frozen clams to entice those plump flatties to the hook. Depending on the strength of the current, Lou will either crack some mussels and spread them around the bottom underneath his boat, or anchor them in a chum pot if the current is a little on the strong side. We both catch our share of fish, so whether you use mussels or frozen clams as chum, you'll be on the right track.

Light spinning tackle with 12 lb. test mono is Lou's weapon of choice, while he favors the old traditional Chestertown hooks for his terminal tackle. Hook sizes range between 8 to 10 depending on the size of the flounder that are coming over the rail and into the pail.

Flounder are likely to be holed up anywhere in the western section of Hempstead Bay on any given day. Successful anglers are those who have managed to decipher the combination as to where our finned friends are hiding under prevailing conditions. For example, if you have to fish during a moon tide I'd concentrate my efforts fishing in part of the bay where more sedate currents might be found. You'll want to avoid fishing in the raging currents associated with the full moon whenever possible. I might also look for flounder on the flats during the high water period on a warm, bright, sunny day. They'll be there basking in the sunshine and the warmer shallower water on the flats. A good general rule of thumb to follow is to fish shallow water early in the spring and deeper water later on in the season. Also keep in mind that flounder just don't lie dormant in one place all day long waiting for some handy food to drift by. They are definitely an inquisitive bunch and most of them lie on the bottom facing into the current while at rest. That's why it's important to keep those baits bouncing on the bottom. A flounder will be off in a flash to investigate anything that looks or smells like food.

Speaking of food, any time you want to start a good argument just ask a bunch of veteran flounder pounders which bait they prefer for spring flounder. Lou is from the school that reckons flounder prefer a softer bait in the spring. Mussels definitely get the nod here. But to be successful, you don't just hang a glob of mussels on the hook; it just isn't that simple. Anyone who has ever used mussels before can attest to their suppleness. The only problem with this is that I'm sure you know how difficult it is to keep such a delicate bait on the hook. The inconvenience of constantly having to rebait with another gooey glob sometimes overshadows their effectiveness. Many anglers tire of this tedious operation prematurely and give up on mussel baits before they have the chance to judge how potent they really are. Shucking your mussels beforehand and soaking them in Kosher or rock salt will toughen them up just enough so that they'll behave more obediently on the hook. Contrary to popular belief, flounder don't seem to mind the little extra toughness or the additional seasoning either! Lou recommends adding about half of a small box of salt to approximately a one pound coffee can full of shucked mussels. Store them in the refrigerator for a couple of days (after you get permission from the lady of the house), but here's the trick. Be sure to drain off the moisture that accumulates in the coffee can after a day or two. If you don't use all of your mussels be advised that you can save them for your next trip if you keep them refrigerated. You will undoubtedly notice that these unused mussels may turn brown and look unappetizing. Dying them with some yellow food coloring will help bring back their original color if you don't want to go through the exercise of shucking some more mussels! Some of you may not be aware of the fact that there are two different kinds of mussels that you come across when buying bait. One type is the so-called "black mussel," easily identifiable by the orange colored meat inside. This is the type of mussel you want if YOU plan to eat them! The other kind with which we will be more concerned is the common "bank mussel." This is the one wth the ribbed shell and the yellow meat inside and this is the one you want to use if at all possible. The reason for this is quite elementary: the bank mussel is the one most likely to be found in the waters that we'll be fishing in. It's that simple. Our local flounder show a marked preference for the delight of their native bank mussel. So if you've tried mussels in the past with disappointing results, make sure you try bank mussels on your next trip. It could make a big difference in your catch!

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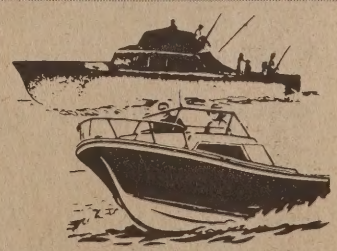

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TUNE YOUR TACKLE FOR SPRING

Part Three — *by Pete Barrett*

Convert your Penn Internationals to the new HT100 drag system while doing some pre-season clean up.

Big game, lever drag reels like the Penn International series may be intimidating because of their size, but are not exceptionally difficult to take down for a spring cleaning. The hardest part is servicing the drag system with its tricky cover plate that must be put into place under spring tension. Go slow, have the instruction manual handy and you should have no problems. The best size to start with is a Penn 30.

Penn is an evolutionary company. Many of their products have been coming off the assembly line since the 1930s, but that doesn't mean they haven't been updated. New material and new designs of parts have enabled them to keep pace with modern technology. Best of all, the new parts are usually interchangeable on older models.

The new HT 100 drag system continues this trend. Conversion kits can be purchased for most Penn reels including the international series so your older reels can be readily converted to the new drag material.

Penn is secretive about the actual material used in the drags, but it looks like a woven metal, like Titanium. What it is actually made of is less important than how it works. The older drag system with its asbestos based washers was a good system when the reel was completely dry, but get the reel drenched in salt spray like might happen on a very rough day at the canyons and the drag would chatter and grab. I've used the new drag on a pair of Penn 30s and

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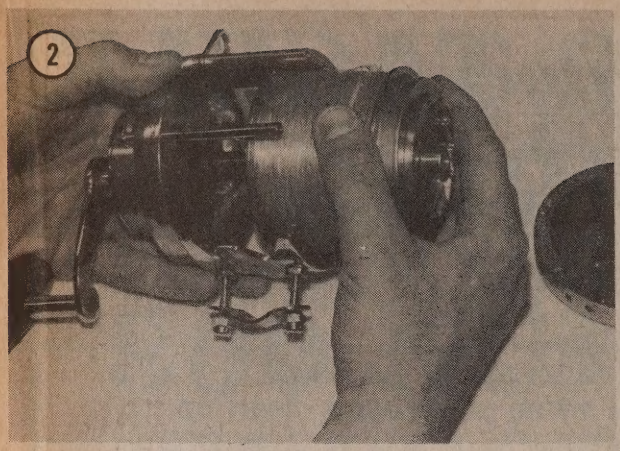
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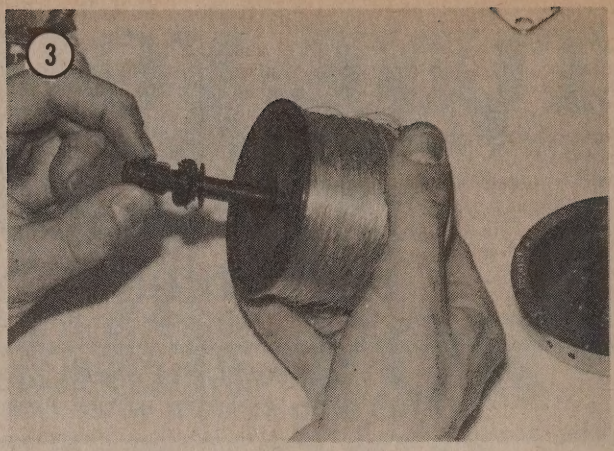
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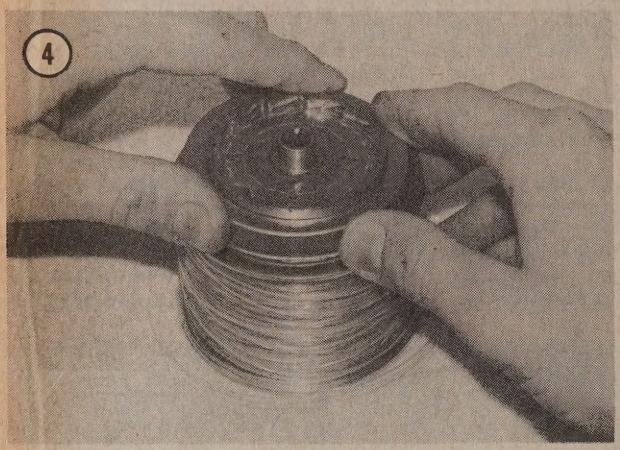
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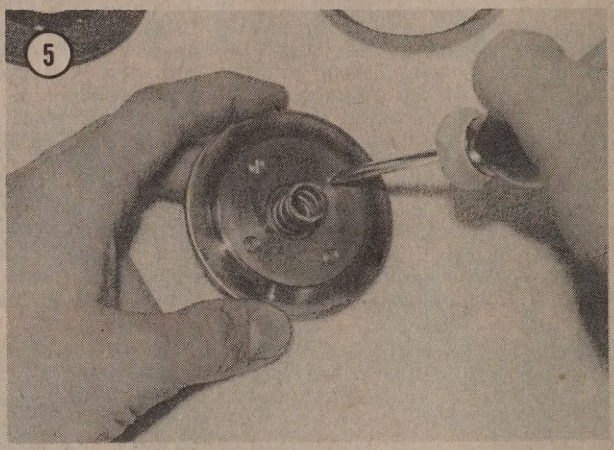
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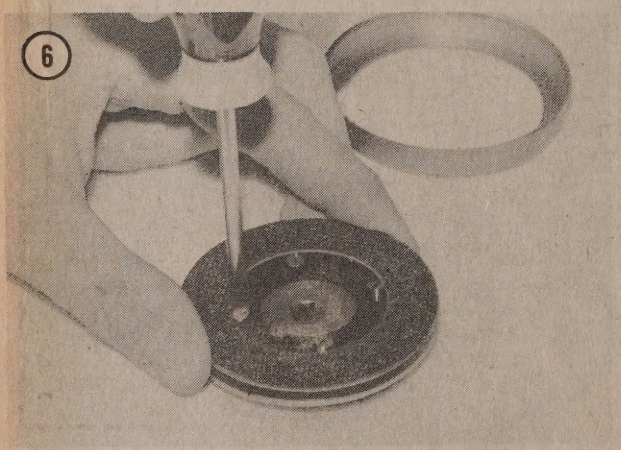
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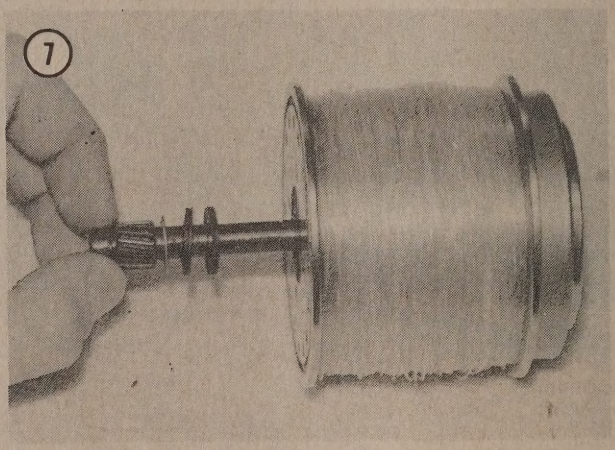
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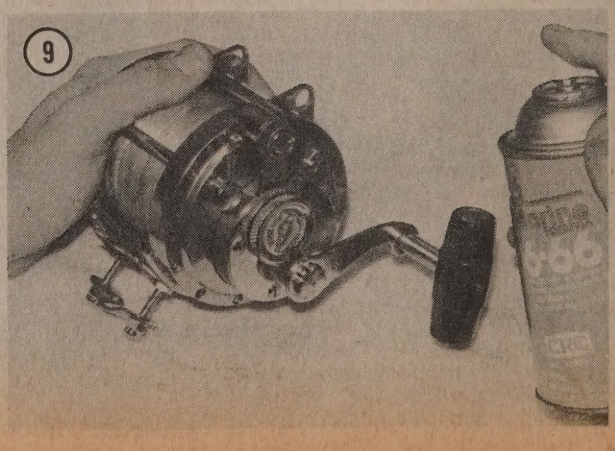
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specifically made it a point to completely wet the drags. There was no chatter and the drag stayed silky smooth.

According to Penn the drag is impervious to the effects of grease, water and oil. It is wear resistant and is not affected by heat.

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Photo One: Have the instruction manual, a tube of grease, a screwdriver, a can of spray oil and the conversion kit ready. An old towel laid down on the workbench will help protect the finish of the reel as you work on it.

Photo Two: Remove the LEFT sideplate. Be careful that the anti-reverse levers and the harness lug do not fall on the floor. Carefully remove the spool.

Photo Three: Remove the pinion gear and spool shaft from the right side of the spool. Scrub thoroughly in a cleaning solution. Wipe both sides of the spool with a rag to remove the excess grease.

Photo Four: Lay the spool right side down on the towel. The aluminum drag cover is under tension from the spring that lies under the cover. Squeeze the sides of the cover to slide the locking tabs out from the grooves that hold it in place. On Penn 50 and larger Internationals this cover is held in place with 4 tiny screws.

Photo Five: Put the spool aside, then clean the drag parts. To convert to the new drag, remove the old washer and center bushing that positioned the washer on the pressure plate.

Photo Six: With the screws that held the bushing in place, install the new drag washer and plate. Make sure the drag surface on the spool is polished and free of grease. Install the drag system and replace the aluminum cover plate.

Photo Seven: Install the new spacer washers according to the Penn instructions supplied with the conversion it. There are two ways to install the washers depending on the pound test line you usually fish on the reel. Lubricate the shaft and gear, then slide into place in the spool.

Photo Eight: Clean the right side plate with spray oil, wipe clean, then lubricate main gear, spool bearing, clicker mechanism and lever buttons with grease. Coat all parts with a light application of grease to prevent corrosion.

Photo Nine: Assemble the reel. Grease the anti-reverse dogs on the left side of the spool and the detents for the clicker button on the right side. The reel should be in free spool when the spool and left side plate are being mounted in place. There is a slight spring tension on the spool so the side plate must be pushed into position and held there until two or more screws are in place.

Spray the reel with oil, wipe dry and check that all parts and systems move freely and work properly. You're now ready for sharks and tuna!

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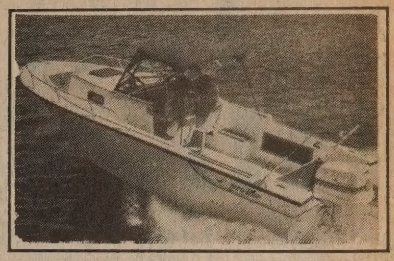

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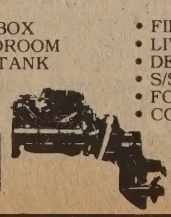

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BIG THREE OF THE METRO SHORE

Part Two — by Vincent Badame

The author continues his tour of western shore spots frequented by "the big three."

Last week in our tour of Metro shore spots, we left off at the North Channel Bridge in Howard Beach, Queens.

Bunker schools frequently show at the bridge during the last three hours of outgoing tide or during the middle of rising tide, day or night. Before continuing to points south, mossbunker can often be snagged from the bridge. To keep the baitfish fresh, remember to ice them down immediately after you snag them. There are three ice machines near the bait shops on Crossbay Blvd. if you're not able to freeze a supply at home. Cardboard milk containers make very good ice blocks for the do-it-yourselfer.

To snag mossbunker, there's a rig that can be made which is very efficient at collecting the vital baitfish. If you are familiar with mackerel rigs, it is similar. Take a 30 inch piece of 40 pound mono and tie one barrel swivel to its end. Now (from the swivel) measure six inches down and using a dropper loop, tie your first 4/0 treble hook on. From here, measure another 12 to 15 inches down. Tie on the second 4/0 treble. Finish the rig off with either a two or three ounce bank sinker and you're set.

A medium action 7 or 8 foot stick with a fast ratio spinning reel, spooled with 14 to 20 lb. monofilament, makes for a good bunker snatching outfit. The fast retrieve reel is needed to pick up the slack created by sweeping your rod back and forth. When seeking bunker, other anglers might already be engaged in snagging them. If not, watch and listen for the telltale slap plus splash of the milling around school. Cast into the splashing school and steady sweeps of your rod should snag them. Snagging the baitfish can be tough sometimes. Try letting the rig hit bottom first before sweeping your rod. The bulk of the school sometimes is found near the bottom despite the surface activity.

At night, mossbunker sometimes don't splash, but can be seen flashing by in the shadow of the bridge. In this case, try casting parallel next to the bridge bulkheads and make long sweeps of your rod while you retrieve line. When you do snag one, pump the hooked bunker back to you or walk up to a point above the fish. Snatching bunker this way takes some practice, but with time, you'll catch on. Do not tangle other bridge fishermen's line in your quest. Other anglers might not appreciate your company and getting out the tangle can be a major production.

While riding south on Crossbay Blvd., the next span with toll gates is the South Channel Bridge (#7—see map in Part One). Parking is before the toll gate on the left. The same gear can be used here as at North Channel, but because the water is anywhere from 50 to 100 feet below, your gaff rope should be a full 120 feet.

Fishing off the North and South Channel Bridges has made me aware of a few details that should be shared with you to increase your odds of success:

Dark nights will often produce weaks with big blues. During the full moon period (one week before and after), weaks seek out deeper bay waters thus leaving the bridges. stripers are usually the only game in town at this time.

During extreme high or low tides, weakfish are more plentiful at the bridges, hence the name "tiderunners."

After crossing the South Channel Bridge, turn right onto Beach Channel Drive. Take note of the school on your right. The area behind the high school is bluefish territory (#8). One out of a hundred fish here might be a weak. The rest will be blues. Any of the outfits previously outlined here can be put into service to tangle with these blues. Tackle-wise, wire leadered 8/0 beak hooks with six ounce bank sinkers and bunker chunks fit the bill either from the rocks or off the little pier, if open.

West on Beach Drive, the sea wall on your right can be fished. Finding the bunker will get you into action faster, but this means a lot of walking along the wall or stopping the car. Weakfish with some big stripers can be caught on live-lined bunker, but as these fish normally ride herd on the bunker, you must find them first!

From 149th Street (#9) to the iron fenced sea wall, bunker will usually show here for those who wait out the long night hours. In years past, snagged bunker drifted at night have taken numerous monster blues with cow stripers for patient anglers. A long-handled gaff will be needed to land these fish.

Now onto the Marine Parkway Bridge (#10): For years it was illegal to fish here. Recently though, on week nights, anglers have been permitted to go about their fishy business. Weekends, however, are out as parking tickets are issued by the Gateway Park Police. The west side of the bridge has the only walkway. Fast incoming tides cannot be fished as even 14 ounces of lead will drift under the bridge. The last of incoming and the outgoing tides can be fished with 6 to 8 ounce sinkers. Besides the "big three" available off the bridge, fluke, dogfish, skates and even brown sharks do grab baited hooks here. Some blue sharks were caught a few years ago which shows you the possibilities which exist at the Marine Bridge. Standing atop the Marine Parkway Bridge, the closest point to the water below (at low tide) is 30 feet. It is the higher altitudes, they range from 40 to 70 feet, which are more productive. This may be due to stronger currents or the greater depth of the main channels. This bridge can also be fished off of during the daylight hours for the deeper water offers sanctuary to game fish trying to evade the boat traffic from above.

Tides can be tricky here. Substracting 20 minutes from Sandy Hook's high tide will give you the correct time of Marine Parkway's ebb current. Slower running tides usually produce weakfish and stripers, while hard running stages of the tides produce big blues. Baitfish, including mossbunker, cannot navigate in swift currents, so the fast moving blues can pick them off easily. Jigs similar to Ava 47s or three ounce Hopkins are used off the bridge when the tide is "ripping." Chunked bunker works best. Fillets or strips are cleaned off the hooks too fast by resident crabs. Checking your bait every 10 minutes or so is a good idea. When there are schooling weaks or bass nearby, the crabs go into hiding for fear of being devoured by these hungry game fish. If your bait is still on after 10 minutes, this is a clue that game fish are on the prowl.

Equipment wise, you need conventional outfits. Forget about spinning

gear here! Spinning just doesn't have the guts to get the job done. Conventional rods under 9 feet in length with a fast taper able to handle 4 to 8 ounces of lead, is a necessity. The rod's tip size should be, at the least, a #12. Good blanks used in building this bridge rod are: Fenwick's 1700LB Pacificstik, Lamiglas' 8 foot MB 965M and cutting off 10 inches from the tip of Shakespeare's 0828 blank. In choosing a rod, keep the length under nine feet so pedestrians (bikers too!) can pass. The bridge's walkway is narrow and hassles with people did rob us of the acess to fish here before. Also, be sure to avoid passing cars while casting.

Conventional reels like Penn's 980, Garcia 10,000 and the Shimano Triton, filled with 25 lb. Stren or Ande have higher retrieve ratios that make handling the "big three" of this bridge easier. When an 18 lb. blue exerts its powerful run, you will appreciate the leverage these reels offer.

Hooks can be rigged with 30 or 45 lb. black wire. Competition between crabs and game fish for food is so fierce, wire does not seem to spook weaks nor stripers from grabbing your bait. Use 10 inches of wire connected to 24 inches of 40 lb. leader material joined with an Albright Knot. Use a ball bearing swivel to join the leader and line after sliding a fish finder rig onto the one ball bearing swivel so hook changing or line twist isn't a main line. Pyramid sinkers from 6 to 10 ounces are necessary to hold bottom.

Something else to consider is how you can carry your fish or equipment to and from the bridge without getting a heart attack? Laundry/shopping carts make great equipment caddies. Three inch PVC tubing can be attached to the cart to carry your rods. Pails, rain gear, cooler, etc., can be loaded inside. To protect the cart from rusting, spray several coats of clear lacquer or epoxy on it. Other helpful items are: longnose pliers (8 inches) for hook removal. Blues and weaks can inflict nasty wounds on anything that enters their jaws. A sharp, strong edged bait knife, plus wooden carving board, for slicing bunkers; towels for hands and to lay on your fish (wet) to keep them fresh should also be toted along.

For night fishing, add a strong beamed flashlight for gaffing and a thermos of coffee to keep yourself awake. Many a time I had been catnapping when I was startled by my rod bending and slapping against the bridge with a fish on!

When dealing with other bridge fishermen, be courteous. Spread out by 15 feet or more between parties so most problems will be avoided. Also, don't be afraid to request help in gaffing or having someone hold the beam of a flashlight on your fish. Many friendships are made this way. Helping the other guy out will make your night more enjoyable when chasing Metro's "big three."

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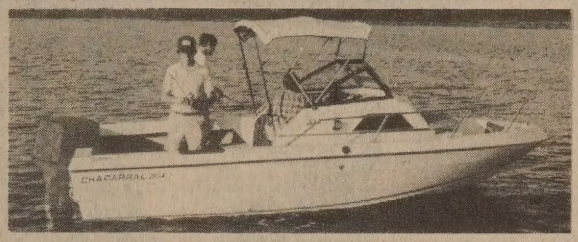

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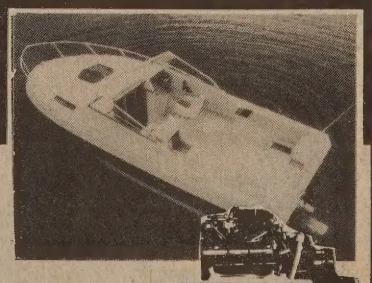

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Part Two — *by Lou Truppi*

When you're confined to shore fishing on any large body of water there are several guidelines to follow to stack the cards in your favor. The first half of this article dealt with how to select or recognize a probable Great Lake hotspot. Now, just as importantly, we must recognize how to fish these waters. Methods, of course, differ just as the makeup of any given fish producing area.

Let's start with the most popular hotspots: piers and breakwaters. Literally thousands of eager anglers line these two areas seeking trophy fish each spring. Half do not catch a thing, while the other half do quite well. I should also note that from this latter half only about 10 to 20 percent score consistently. It's customary for those anglers putting in the time to achieve better catches. However, there is more to it than meets the eye.

Savvy pier fishermen don't manufacture success, but rather develop techniques that work. They, like all shore-bound anglers, must learn traits indigenous to the particular spot they choose to fish to be consistently successful.

Most noteworthy of these traits is weather, which literally dictates angler success. Right after ice out when the first rays of the spring sun begins to penetrate those winter chilled waters, game fish immediately begin to stir.

Naturally, the first species to seek food are the trout and salmon. Due to their ability to withstand colder water temperatures, they are generally the first to go on the prowl after the long winter fast. Although they may feed more readily, it doesn't mean they'll be smashing your lures with sheer abandonment. Toned down retrieves and small lures set the pace. Long rods, such as those lengths used by steelhead anglers are a good choice. However, I lean toward a rod with a little more backbone coupled with a quick tip. This blank delivers an often needed heavier lure, better in the face of an all too common fresh spring wind. Graphite rods are superb for this task. Their light weight to length ratio makes for effortless casting.

Spinning or casting tackle reigns supreme here. Both reels should be medium weight and size with a capacity to hold 150 yds. of 6, 8 or 10 pound line. The lighter the line the more distance you can achieve when casting and the more strikes you'll obtain. One noteworthy point I would like to inject here, is that I often observe many anglers attempting to cast long distances to no avail. The most common problem besides just not knowing how to handle their tackle, is probably line that it too heavy for the size reel or an inadquately filled reel spool.

Installing 14 to 20 lb. line on any small spooled reel and attempting to cast a quarter or 3/8 oz. lure can seriously impede your casting range.

The heavier mono will take a set to the size of the reel's spool. This causes an extra amount of line slap on the guides when you attempt to cast thus considerably reducing your casting range. Cold weather can add

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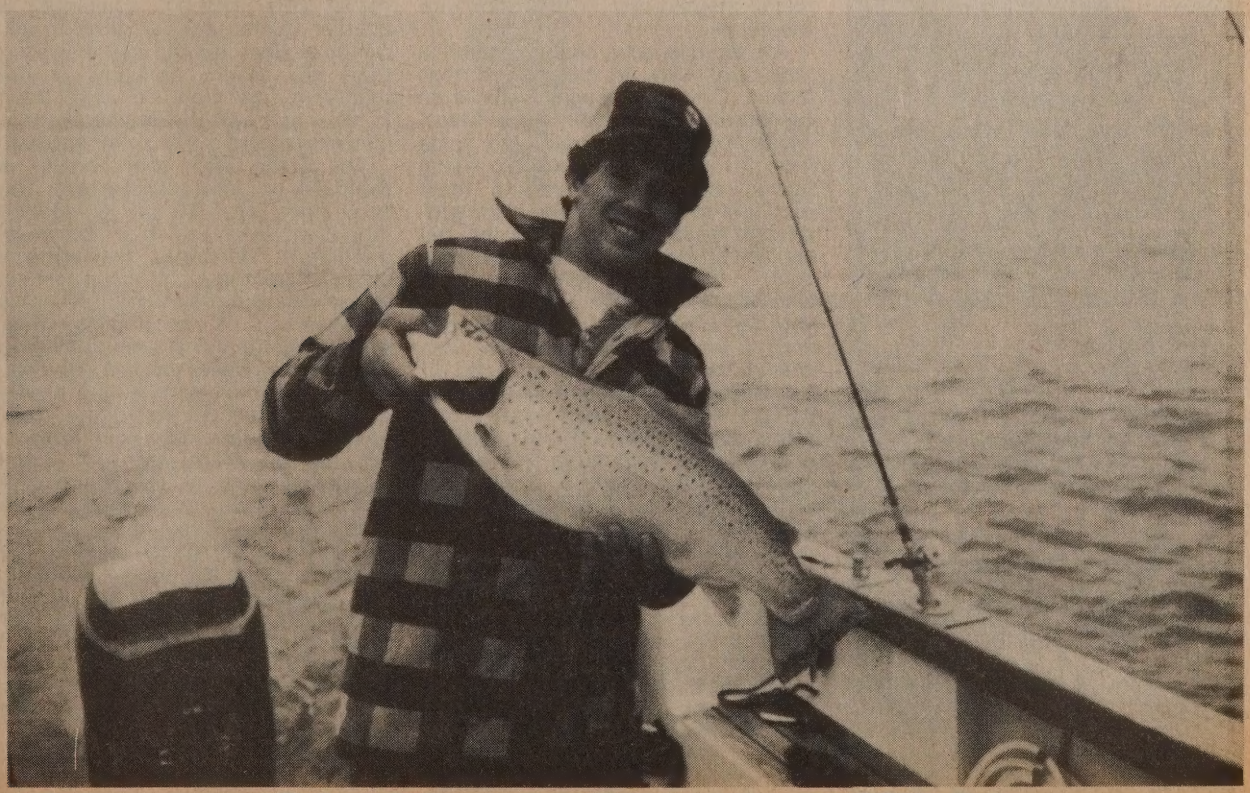

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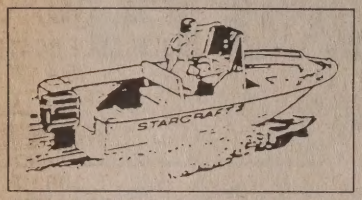

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to this line set thus coiling it more. So, it pays to lighten up on your line when extra casting distance is required.

The other factor is not keeping enough line on your reel. A half filled spool will cut your casting distance by a third. Once your line gets below the halfway mark, add or install fresh line. This is so important to a shore fisherman, yet is misunderstood by thousands of anglers. In most shore fishing situations, the lighter line will not cause you to lose a big fish due to several factors.

One, these areas are usually obstruction free due to the constant use by boats. Secondly, there will generally be plenty of room to fight your fish without tangling with your fellow fishermen. Most pier anglers I've fished with were more than happy to reel in their lines so that a fellow angler would have a shot at a big fish. With this in mind, try to maintain that light line stance for less casting effort and I believe you'll entice bigger and more fish to your lure.

Lures that work can be classed into several groups, but spoons are my choice. The spoons, unlike the other categories such as body plugs and crankbaits, prove much easier to fish. Plugs make excellent trolling lures, but a problem is posed when shore-bound anglers attempt to cast into a stiff wind. Spoons and spinners also lend themselves beautifully to this end.

Stick with 1/4 to 3/8 oz. spoons and spinners. Favorite colors are silver-green, silver-blue, silver-orange, gold, silver, chartreuse, and pure silver. Other tones will work, but if I had to choose a few, I would stick with the above.

All these spoons should exhibit a tantalizing slow to medium retrieve action. The most popular choices on the Great Lakes remain Little Cleos, Moosalamo, Luhr Jensen and some local favorites. These are all heavy bodied spoons, thus making them excellent for casting under most conditions. Most spoons that fit this bill can be purchased with single or treble hooks. I prefer the singles, since they set easier and cut down on lost fish. If you can't find your favorite spoon with a single hook, then you can change them yourself. Simply clip off the treble and install a Siwash eye salmon hook of approximately the same size. This style of hook is available with an open eye. The angler need only to slip the hook back through the lure and squeeze tight with a pair of pliers. You'll be in action in a matter of seconds.

Be sure to choose your spoons carefully more for size than color. Several species of baitfish invade these spring waters and your spoon's body should closely resemble theirs.

For instance, if herring are the predominant bait, then try to ascertain their size and then choose the lure body to match. On given years, baitfish will vary in size due to winter or spring die-offs. If smelt are present, then a thinner bodied long spoon is in order. The smelt are built similar to our sand eel with thin, sleek bodies as opposed to the chunky bodied herring. I find it best to stick with smaller lures in water temperatures below 50 degrees. Once the water warms to 50 or above, the salmon and trout become more active and will strike larger lures.

A good example would be to use a two to three inch spoon initially and later 3 to 4 inch spoons. The same holds true for spinners, a #1 to #3 blade in frigid water, later changing to a #4 or even #5 blade as the spring sun warms the depths.

Body plugs such as Rapalas or Rebels are not to be left out entirely. When conditions are right, these plugs can be lethal. They are, however, a real nuisance to cast, especially in the wind. A doctored or sinking minnow imitating plug never seems to cut it. If you drill a floater and add weight, it modifies the action built into the plug. This also occurs in the sinking plugs fresh from the factory. Your much required slow to medium retrieve will barely make the plug wobble, thus not appealing to the feeding fish. You are now faced with either jigging the lure in conjunction with the slow retrieve or speeding up the retrieve. On occasion both can work, but your incidence of hits will decrease dramatically especially in the early weeks of the season.

You're far better off casting a floater and installing a rubber core sinker 18 to 24 inches ahead of the lure. The weight in this position will not impair the plug's action and due to the length of your rod, will make for manageable casting. Distance is another matter, but for close in you can do it. Bear in mind that many big trout are caught annually in the shadow of these piers. So I don't want to leave you with the impression that distance casting is a must for success.

The Great Lakes shore angler is much like our local jetty jockeys. The good ones, that 10 or 15 percent group, will learn to fish all the water thoroughly. Generally, delivering a series of casts in a half moon fashion from shore to shore covering all areas in-between. To accomplish this, simply shoot that first cast directly up and ahead of where you are standing. This cast should parallel the breakwater a few feet out from shore. Your next cast would rotate counterclockwise to the left of the first. Each successive cast would be accomplished in the same fashion. Keep each one about 10 feet apart until the half circle is completed against the shoreline to the left of your position.

If you take fish from any one of these casts, then mentally note your speed of retrieve, depth and lure position. Try to establish a reason for that strike and duplicate it. If no other hits occur, go through the sequence again.

Once you've covered the water immediately around you, then move along the pier 100 feet or so and begin

casting. If the pier is crowded, this may be impossible. Many sharpshooters know this and fish early or late to avoid midday crowds.

This early or late fishing can prove to be a real bonanza since, for the most part, you'll be fishing to undisturbed fish. This is especially true at stream mouths. New run fish move in at evening or early morning and can often be found holding at the bar where the stream empties into the lake. These hotspots are usually first come, first served. Your catch here can be directly related to your position at the creek's mouth.

The best position I found is to parallel the shallow side of the bar and cast up into the current. The lure is then drifting with the current and appears most natural as it approaches the deeper water where the fish lie in wait. Most of the river mouths will have sand bottoms so snags don't pose much of a problem. To be successful here, the biggest item is to maintain lure action and speed. This can be crucial. These fish can be slightly edgy due to fishing pressure, so the most natural drift and lure action will score, while others will be getting casting exercise. Do not cast out to the bar where you believe the trout to be lying. This will only spook them. The natural upstream drift is best, but an overcast to one side of the bar or the other will also work.

By an overcast, I simply mean to extend your cast well beyond the bar. The lure action and speed can now be maintained, thus you'll be in excellent position once the holding area is reached on your retrieve.

Under all circumstances try to present your lure as quietly and naturally as possible when stream mouth fishing. Unlike the pier fisherman who has to search for his quarry by constantly casting, you will have a pretty good idea where the fish are holding at the stream mouth.

Often 1/2 oz. jigs can be lethal where lethargic trout and salmon are concerned. The subtle bouncing of the jig across the bottom will extricate hits when all else fails. I tip my jigs with fluorescent plastic tails so even on an extremely slow retrieve, action is evident.

The early season Great Lakes trout and salmon often strike gently, so the shore angler should be alert and strike accordingly.

Most spots can be fished in all but the severest weather. As is often the case, the Great Lakes can produce some nasty early season days. By countering the wind and fishing the areas that are protected or will benefit from the blow, you might come up with a real trophy. These conditions if not too extreme will thin out the competition and stir up the trout. New to any anglers is the fact that these fish can be caught regularly in such cold water. However, getting up there will sure make a believer out of you.

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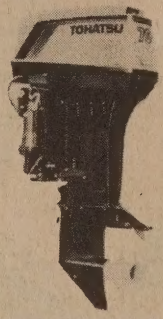

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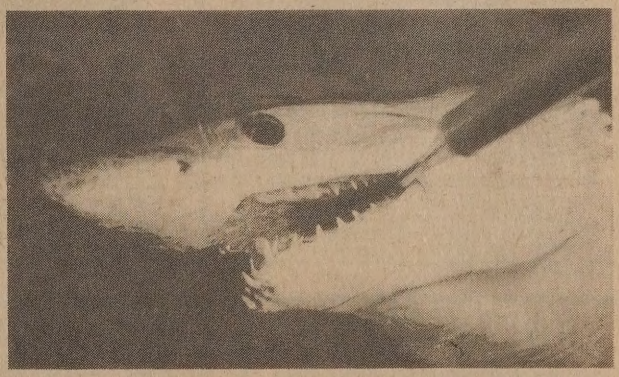

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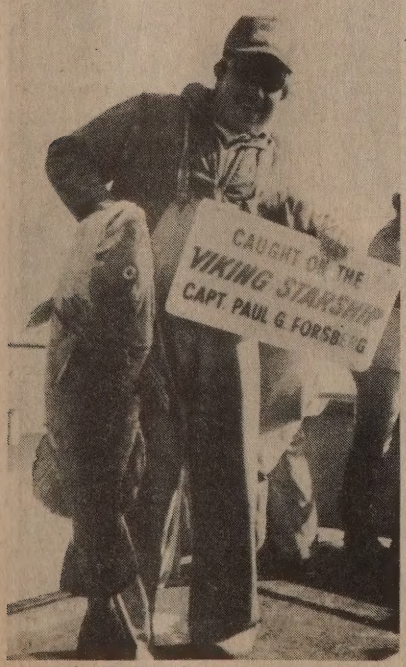
Viking regular, John Girolamo called in with the results of last week's Georges Banks trip, stating that it was "fantastic fishing in the best weather conditions possible for this time of year." John caught a 35 lb. monkfish along with 37 cod. While 95 percent of the cod were caught on jigs with either red or white tubes, the largest cod took bait at night. Some anglers aboard and their scores included: Sal Prodo, with 60 cod, including a 47 lb. pool winner, caught at 3:30AM Wed.; Dennis Mulhelfort with 38 cod, including second pool of



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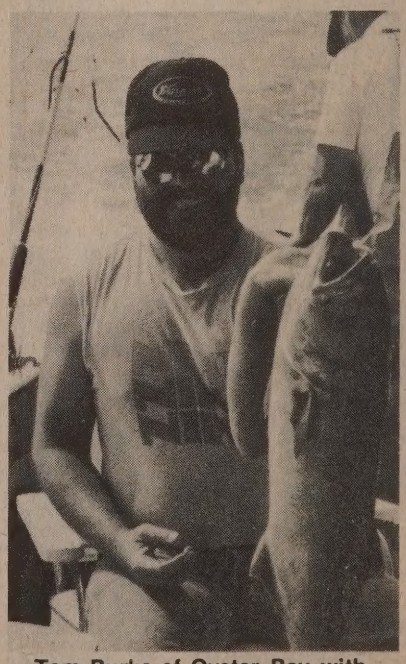
45 lbs., caught a few minutes after Dennis' fish. Kenny Drace had 43 cod. Hank Lackner and Joe Norman combined for 120 cod. Kiki caught 32; Bill Tully, 73; Frank Cande 36; Bill Braun 51 (including many baited at night). John stated that most fish were 15 lbs. and under; that over 100 pollock in the 3 to 6 lbs. range were boated; best action was in the bow, with the stern the site of many tangles. Thanks for the report, John.

Next Georges Banks trip on the **Viking Starship** is scheduled for Monday, April 28th, returning Wednesday, April 30th. A few spots are left according to Capt. Betty Forsberg.

Tom Jordon at **Gone Fishing Marina** reported decent catches of good size flounder both at Promised Land and in Lake Montauk, with rental skiff customers coming back with many flatties in the 1¼ to 2 lb. range caught Saturday in the Lake. Outgoing water and slack tide was best, with very heavy chumming necessary. A reminder that a few slips are available for boats up to 24 feet; the new store is open; and the launch ramp is ready for flounder mavens.

Mark, at **Montauk Marine Basin** personally weighed a huge flounder on the fish market's digital scale for Steve Pascale, taken aboard Captain John DeMaio's charter boat **Vivienne** on Sunday. The huge flattie pushed the scale to 4 lbs. 15½ oz. and was the largest of 68 flounder taken by the group. Steve used a special Glo rig made by Bob's Bait and Tackle in Amity Harbor and took close to half of the catch on this rig. Scene of the action was at Promised Land and ac-



Tom Burke of Oyster Bay with one of the monster blues he caught during a trip to the Cartwright Grounds in Montauk last season. Subscriber photo.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:25	7:45	8:10	8:30	7:55	8:15	8:55	9:10	10:45	11:00	10:45	11:00	7:20	7:40	4/24
FRI.	8:10	8:35	8:55	9:20	8:40	9:00	9:40	9:55	11:35	—	11:30	—	8:05	8:30	4/25
SAT.	9:00	9:25	9:45	10:05	9:35	9:55	10:30	10:45	12:45	1:25	12:50	1:25	8:55	9:20	4/26
SUN.	10:50	11:20	11:35	11:00	11:35	11:55	—	12:25	1:35	2:20	1:40	2:20	10:50	11:10	4/27
MON.	11:55	—	—	12:30	—	12:40	12:40	1:25	2:30	3:20	2:35	3:15	11:45	—	4/28
TUES.	12:15	12:55	12:55	1:35	12:55	1:40	1:40	1:30	3:30	4:40	3:35	4:20	12:10	12:45	4/29
WED.	1:20	1:55	2:00	2:40	2:00	2:45	2:50	3:40	4:50	5:10	4:40	5:30	1:15	1:50	4/30
THURS.	2:20	3:05	3:10	3:55	3:00	3:45	4:00	4:55	6:35	7:20	5:50	6:35	2:20	2:55	5/1

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/17	5:18	6:41
FRI. 4/18	5:17	6:43
SAT. 4/19	5:15	6:45
SUN. 4/20	5:14	6:47
MON. 4/21	5:11	6:48
TUE. 4/22	5:10	6:49
WED. 4/23	5:09	6:50

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/17	10:51AM	1:48AM
FRI. 4/18	11:59AM	2:25AM
SAT. 4/19	1:06PM	2:56AM
SUN. 4/20	2:17PM	3:23AM
MON. 4/21	3:28PM	3:48AM
TUE. 4/22	4:42PM	4:12AM
WED. 4/23	5:58PM	4:36AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
4/9	4/17	4/24	5/1

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	4:20	10:25	4:35	10:55
Fri.	5:10	11:25	5:35	11:55
Sat.	6:10	—	6:45	12:30
Sun.	8:15	2:05	8:55	2:40
Mon.	9:25	3:15	10:00	3:45
Tues.	10:35	4:25	11:10	4:55
Wed.	11:40	5:30	12:15	6:00
Thurs.	—	6:30	12:40	6:55

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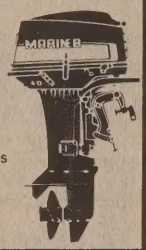

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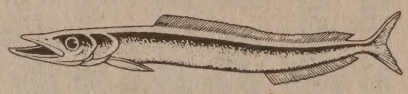

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cording to Captain DeMaio, heavy chum was the key.

Captain Mike Albronda reported mixed cod and flounder on the charter boat **Montauk** during the week. Monday's charter with Bob Cerrata located three cod, plus 105 flounder to 3¼ lbs.; on Tuesday, Jerry Moran's group brought back 120 flounder, the largest 4 lbs. 2 oz., after bagging seven cod. Sunday's trip, after several cancelled charter trips because of strong winds during the week returned with 100 flounder—the largest 3½ lbs. The average flounder put into the fish box ranges between 1 to 1½ lbs.

Joan Jones at **Captain's Cove Marina** related that since codfish remain slow, most charter captains have picked up the slack with very good flounder catches. Captain Chuck Mallinson reported Mario and Vinnie having lots of action catching over 100 flounder on the **Joy-Sea** on Sunday, after finding cod slow.

Captain Bob Storc, on a trip on **Caprice** on Saturday, caught flounder in Lake Montauk with Richard Milatz and his friends. A couple of fish were in the 2 lb. range. Sunday's trip with Don and John Sciara and friends cashed in on continued flounder action.

Henry Uihlein reported excellent fishing on the weekend with 14 skiffs fishing the Lake during the three days. Some catches included Friday's catch of about 3 dozen flounder by members of the Verrazano Bait and Tackle Club: Jeff Rosster, Ken Yeung, and Kevin Feaster found corn very effective, along with clam and worm baited hooks. The group returned to **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** on Sunday for a repeat performance. On Saturday, mussels and an incoming tide worked fairly well for Mike Ruggieri, Anthony Mule and Joe Arrizzno, whose flounder were a consistent 1 to 1½ lbs. However, fishing near them with canned corn chum, Tony Falerno with Betty King, managed 56 flounder from 3/4 to 1¾ lbs., again using clams and worm bait.

Captain Bill Ricca first fished in Lake Montauk on Saturday morning, catching a bucket of flounder. When the winds abated, he headed the **Alyssa Ann** to Promised Land, where another two buckets of fish were caught; these in the 1½ to 2¾ lb. range. Best action took place on the beginning of the incoming tide in the afternoon.

Captain Ron Grandinetti's charter led by "Big" Jim and his friend Boris on the **Julie III** on windy Saturday caught 105 flounder from 1 to 2½ lbs. in Lake Montauk. On calm Sunday, 234 flounder were caught fishing both Lake Montauk and Napeague Harbor with the fish ranging in size from 3/4 to 2½ lbs.

Very bad weather cancelled several codfish trips on the charter boat **Bluefin IV** during last week, however, a few cod, some 15 to 25 lbs. were caught whenever winds abated

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enough to allow fishing. On Saturday after finding cod on the slow side, the Morales group put about 100 flounder in the 1 to 2 lb. range in their cooler. Sunday's trip resulted in about a dozen cod, some 15 to 20 lbs., after much searching and hard work.

The Moriches Anglers Fishing Club bagged about 40 fish on the **King Wayne** on a charter, April 13th, with one fish about 30 lbs. Over the weekend members of the Springbrook Fishing Club of Brooklyn caught 30 cod, top weight 22 lbs., with Wayne, Jr. pulling in a 15 lb. fish. Captain King stressed that codfishing is spotty at best with the day's catch at times under a dozen. Lots of moving and searching is needed—and patience.

SOUTH FORK

Buck, at **Harbor Marina** spoke of very good flounder action over the weekend in **Three Mile Harbor**. Rental skiffs fished pretty close to the marina, in the channel and in the Mud Hole off the channel, to return with catches of thirty to fourty fish, some of which topped the three pound mark on the scale.

Captain Artie Lach remarked that last week's efforts on the **Wilhelric** were disappointing due to the strong northeast winds which prevailed all week. On Sunday, Captain Clark Bellows fished the sound the entire day, where twenty-four anglers managed approximately two hundred flatties, ranging from three quarters to two pounds at Petty's Bite. Once the spring weather settles down, catches will improve.

Bob Vogelsang and Barry Alberto with some of the 60 plus flounder they caught near buoy 27 using worms and heavy mussel chum. The pair fished out of Cerullo Bros. F.S. in East Moriches.

Bayview Marine and Tackle's Ninth Annual Flounder Derby went off on Saturday with one hundred and nine entrants. Catches on a windy Saturday ranged from fifteen to fourty per boat, with Fred Mayer of **Sag Harbor** taking first place with a one pound twelve ounce flounder. John Festa copped second, while Dick Boone took third place (he was also high hook among the fleet). Chris Salb reported the best action was at Cedar Point. A total of thirteen tackle prizes and five cash prizes were awarded.

Flounder sharpie Walter B, with his friends Mr. Licht and son Carl checked into **Speck's Bait and Tackle** with the results of a weekend spent trying to locate Promised Land flounder. Saturday's effort in pretty stiff winds caused the group to tuck into Three Mile Harbor, where the trio bagged about two dozen flatties. On Sunday, light winds encouraged a full day's effort at Promised Land, where over twenty flounder were caught. In gereral, Thom Speckenback heard that usual flounder spots were rather quiet with the exception of the east side of South Ferry, rumored to be the site of a good catch. No report came in from Shinnecock Bay other than some activity on medium size flounder at Heady

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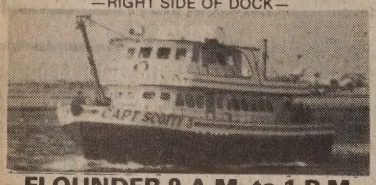

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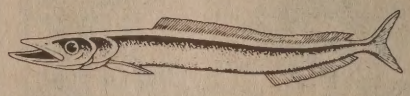

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Creek.

One bright note in an otherwise slow week: reports of fluke, keepers and shorts, have been caught this week in the Quogue Canal between Quantuck Bay and Westhampton. Live killies cast from shore are doing the trick.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Last week's easterly storm severely impacted the flounder action in both bays for several days this past week. The slowed fishing continued through the weekend in most cases, though here and there there were exceptions to the rule. The storm also created a big heave on the ocean which kept boatmen from seeking out the migrating mackerel schools. As a result, mackerel reports from this area were virtually non-existant with one minor exception. On the brighter side, there was more evidence of the season progressing with several confirmed blackfish catches and believe it or not, the first confirmed catch of bluefish which was made inside Fire Island Saturday morning.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Larry Dyckman over at **Las Brisas Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported that a good portion of the week was wiped out by wind and rain. Saturday, despite plenty of wind, a few decent catches of flounder were made in the bay. On Sunday, Steve Manheimer and Frank Blakemore finished up with 28 very nice fish. Same day, Carl Batoz and two friends scored with over 40 big flounder. Both catches were made in the vicinity of buoy 42 where Larry reported no big numbers but very good quality. Larry noted that heavy chum remains the key to the best scores.

Over at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, George Kideris said that his rental boats continue to work the Buoy 27 area. Aside from those days lost to the storm, the rest of the week and weekend saw catches down to between 10 and 30 fish per boat with the easterly blow definitely having an impact on the fishing. As usual, there is always the exceptional catch and this was true again on Sunday when Robert Pace and Dave Rogers racked up a score of 66 flatties up to 1¾ pounds at Buoy 27. The key to their success, according to George, was an entire bushel of mussel chum. George also advised anglers to always tote along rain gear regardless of the conditions at home. A number of anglers had to cut their trip short this week due to the rain.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Joey Modica at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported a very busy weekend and a highly successful open house on Saturday. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the saltwater action as several days of east winds resulted in a sharp drop in action. Just prior to the blow, Paul and Barrett Pimpinpella scored with 27 flatties from a beach in the Mastic area.

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Lou Piergiogi and Lou Macolino with a nice catch of flatties taken on Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

On Tuesday, Don and Christine Mullins scored with a dozen flatties to 1½ pounds on bloodworms near Mastic. The rest of the week through Saturday was a washout and a blowout and there were no reports received from Sunday's anglers. Prior to the blow Joey did know that some blackfish were beginning to take hold and the numbers of stray fluke seem to be on the increase.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale told of putting a 6.2 pound blackfish on the scale for Ken Zwick on Sunday. It was taken aboard the private boat "Screaming Chicken". The past week's easterly storm had a negative impact on the flounder action with mixed results reported even on calm Sunday. No mackerel reports to speak of—again as a result of the storm and rough seas.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that flounder fishing slowed at Dickerson Channel but there were some decent scores made at Buoy 4-West Island and in the Sore Thumb pocket. Some boats went looking for mackerel on Sunday but none reported back with the results of their efforts as of Monday AM.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Noel Kappauf labelled this past weekend's Captree Flounder Derby a huge success with 718 anglers participating. Sunday afternoon's award ceremony was attended by 300-400 participants. More than enough quality flounder were around to account for prize money and tackle prizes. The

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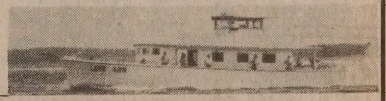

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top spot, worth $500 went to Joe Andrea of New Hyde Park for a 2 pound 11 ounce flattie. Robert Heal followed up with a 2.10 pound flattie, good for $250. Bob hails from Patchogue. Third place and $100 went to Jim Sperrazza for a 2.6 pound flattie. Noel added that while some boatmen complained that the fishing was off (as a result of the week's storm), other anglers showed a couple of buckets of fish for their efforts. Look for more coverage on this derby and a complete list of winners in an upcoming issue of The Fisherman. Noel added too that a few blackfish are now being taken from the Robert Moses piers and from the shore at Robert Moses, Oak Beach and the Sore Thumb. The shop does have fiddler crabs in stock for tautog fans.

This past week's easterly storm made for a difficult week for the Captree flounder fleet. The action was off through the weekend according to several skippers I spoke to. Very few boats even managed to sail prior to the weekend. There has been some indication of the fish moving to the south side of the bay but they have yet to begin massing for their move offshore. A few warm days should see the fishing bounce back and also spur the movement of fish towards their usual May haunts.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** labelled the fishing slow to fair with average catches of 4 to 6 flatties per man. He has been working the shoal areas and finding the best action during a good running tide. He also reminded that he will begin the mackerel hunt on Friday, April 25th at 2PM. He will continue to fish flounder 9AM to 1PM.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** labelled it a tough weekend. He mentioned exceptionally high tides and the effects of the storm keeping the fish scattered and off their feed. Rod felt a few warm days would help school the fish up which should result in a sharp upturn in action. The better fishing already appears to be concentrated on the south side of the bay from Saltaire east. Rod noted that a fair number of fluke are starting to show though not yet in catchable numbers.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** reported a generally poor week on the flounder front as a result of the storm noting that the fishing fell apart by Wednesday. Water temperatures dropped back down to 48 degrees as a result of the storm and the chilling effects seemed to carry over to Sunday, when despite nice weather, the fishing remained off. Saturday saw a decent showing of very nice fish at the Sore Thumb. Among the fish taken were flatties of 2¼ and 2½ pounds. As soon as water temperatures begin to climb again, the skipper expects the fishing will bounce back. He reminded that the best action of the season is yet to come as the fish mass near the inlet areas prior to their offshore migration. He too noted a few fluke

showing up and felt that it bodes well for the upcoming fluke season.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy passed along the results of the Babylon Tuna Club's Weekend Flounder Derby. Frank Losasso and George Huggler finished in a tie for first place with flatties of 1 pound 11 ounces. Second place was taken by Bob Schwartz with a 1 pound 10 ounce flattie, while the third slot was again shared by two anglers. Marty Ferris matched Tom's own fish of 1.9 pounds. Tom reported generally spotty flounder fishing this week but added that Sunday saw some decent catches made at the Thumb, Clam Pond and Saltaire. He also knew of some blackfish taken inside the bay as well as outside on the T Wreck. He weighed tog from inside up to 5¾ pounds on the weekend for anglers who preferred to remain anonymous. Tom also relayed word of a couple of small bluefish checked in at Frank and Dick's Bait Station on Saturday. Apparently a school of small choppers worked the surface east of the Robert Moses Bridge early Saturday AM. Several boats were reported going to work on the fish though only the one catch could be confirmed.

Capt. Ralph Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that fares averaged 10 to 15 flatties per man in the State Channel on Tuesday prior to the storm. Fishing was pretty much wiped out the rest of the week and was still suffering the effects of the blow on Sunday. The skipper reminded that beginning May 1st, the Miss Babylon will be sailing daily at 7AM, rather than 8AM.

Mike Andreani, speaking from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported some very good flounder action early in the week in the State Channel between Copiague and Lindenhurst. He managed to sample the fishing himself and did a good job on the fish. He also knew of a few flounder taken from along the Oak Beach shore (inlet side) this week. Mike relayed word of the first weakfish report. The three pound yellowfin was taken by a local gillnetter along with a large catch of bunker and herring. Mike also knew of some blackfish taken inside the bay and reminded that the shop is stocking green crabs.

Chester Shew of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported plenty of activity at the shop over the weekend as a result of sunny skies. Chester did have some reports of decent flounder action in the State Channel and at the Sore Thumb since the easterly storm. He also knew that some flounder continue to be picked from shore at Tanner Park and the Wellwood Avenue Dock. One customer reported taking several blackfish at the Sore Thumb.

Flounder action was off through Saturday as a result of all the east winds according to Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. He had no word on Sunday's action. Bob too relayed word of small blues east of the Robert Moses Bridge early Saturday AM. He knew

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that at least a couple of fish were boated. Some blackfish now beginning to make an appearance at their usual spring haunts. A reminder that the Shop's Flounder Derby is currently underway and will continue through the month of May. There is a $1 entry fee and a 1¼ pound flattie currently leads the contest.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera also contributed a report of two small bluefish taken on an umbrella rig early Saturday morning between the Captree Overlook pier and the Robert Moses bridge. He reported marking fish in the area but the action was apparently over by the time he got on the scene. The last of the Ebb tide on both Saturday and Sunday produced a decent pick of flatties in the Sore Thumb pocket. Ted Orvieto counted 20 flatties to 2 pounds on Saturday. On Sunday, the crew aboard the Joymaster V also enjoyed a decent pick of flatties on the last stages of the Ebb. And finally, a confirmed catch of mackerel by a private boat made locally. On Sunday the Centurion (a 50' Ocean Yacht) took advantage of calming seas to run 165 degrees to 70 feet of water where they did managed to take some mackerel along with "a ton" of herring. On their return trip, the crew anchored up in the Sore Thumb pocket and put away 25 nice flounder on the flood tide.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The past week has been another cold windy and rainy one to a large extent, with things clearing up for the weekend. However, these conditions tended to put a heave on for boats fishing outside and cooled down and muddied up the inside. All in all, while some catches were made both in and outside, it was another week of tough fishing. Once the weather settles down, catches should go right through the sound barrier, as the fish are here.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford comes word of a slow week on the flatties due to water conditions. Lon did say that a few of his customers did catch some flounder, however, in Zachs Bay and at Black Banks on worms and corn chum. He has also heard rumors of blackfish at the Big M.

BAIT & TACKLE

Rachel and John Hoina with two of 70 flatties they caught on April 2nd in Wanser's Cut near Squaw Island. The youngsters were fishing with their dad, LIF subscriber Dr. John Hoina, Sr.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** noted that flattie catches ranged from 2 to 15 a boat, with both sides of the high best on bloods and clam bait and plenty of chum. Action was best in the flats and in depths 2 to 6 feet both in Merrick and Massapequa Bays. The wind really hurt this week, said Mike. Al, Joe, Tom, Hank and Jim all of Atlantis Anglers on their oat Fran-Zee, fished Massapequa Cove Saturday with the quintet keeping 25 out of 40 fish they brought up, on bloods and red-dyed clam, heavy on the chum. Some blackfish at the Big M with one customer hoisting 40 all by himself. The shop will have green crabs by the weekend said Mike. The main body of mackerel is just east of Manasquan and moving up and should be within striking range of many boats by the weekend.

Wally at **Pop's Fishing Station** called to say that fishing was off this past week due to the strong winds and poor weather conditions but feels that with some decent days strung together the fishing will pick up again. Over the weekend, his rentals averaged 5 to 15 flounder per boat.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick we learned from Gary that the only flounder report he has for the week comes out of Merrick Bay, that of Billy Keil with 15 flounder to 2½ lbs. taken in Crow Island Lead.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Captain Lou Fleet** passes the word on that Charles Brower of Long Beach bagged 12 good flounder on Saturday's PM trip and also the 1½ lb. pool fish on the half day boat. On Sunday's PM trip, Ed Cecconi, of North Bellmore was quite satisfied with a 5 lb. blackfish he hooked and landed on open bottom in Jones Inlet. On that same trip, Young Kim took the flounder pool with a 2 lb. 1 oz. fish and now leads the flounder derby which is now up to $800. Action was best said the skipper at the change of tide.

Captain Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** said both his boats fished a little to the east this week and with the picky fishing available, passengers had flounder to 2 lbs. John Marchi had a 2 lber. Worm and clam worked best, with either mussel or clam chum put down. The skipper said the waters inside were cold and muddy. He also said he still has some night bluefish dates available for those interested.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** found the mackerel action this weekend on the picky side, but spaces were filled in by a few whiting which were caught. Passengers did, however, catch loads and loads of herring. Richie said that the storms and the cold weather and the ground swell from the east did not make this the best of all possible weeks to fish. Please note the boat's ad which contains the schedule for July 5th and 6th New York Harbor Cruise sailings.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** told of Sunday's flounder trip for Seaman's Furniture led by Len Cacioppo. The group fished Jones, Swift and east of the Meadowbrook, finding it a slow pick all day, but nonetheless getting fish. Dennis said worm and mussel baits worked best and there were very few midgets, most fishing running 1 to 1¼ lbs.

From **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal, Lou says that a few boats on Sunday found blackfish at the inshore wrecks. Captain Mike Barnett on his charter boat **Codfather** was one of these boats. Lou mentioned the Stone Barge as one of the hotspots. While these

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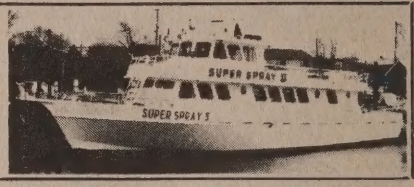

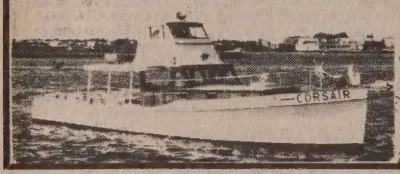

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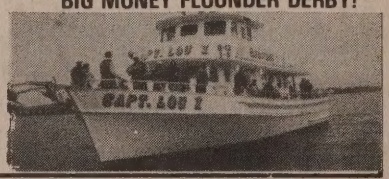

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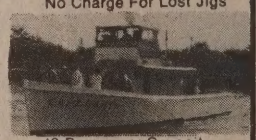

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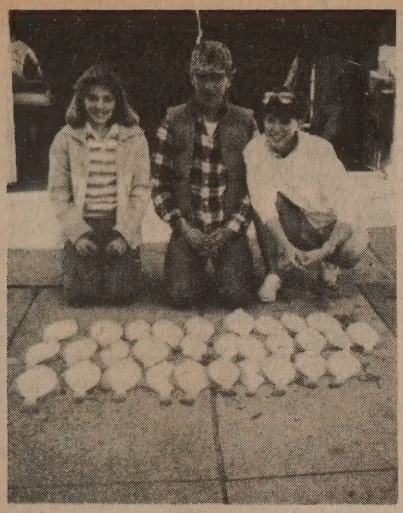

Gary Schnell and his two nieces with a nice catch of flatties made in Jamaica Bay back in late March. Subscriber photo.

wrecks were not covered with blackfish, there were some, which is a beginning.

Over in Point Lookout charter boat **Marie III** on Tuesday afternoon had 15 passengers with over 200 flounder taken in Reynolds Channel between the west marina and Cinder Creek, this while the boat was filling in for the **Miss Point Lookout**. It was a slow pick the rest of the week with weather putting things down. Sunday's charter for Sid Bernstein and group worked Debs Inlet for fish 6 to 8 per man and when that petered out they hit Reynolds, Broad Creek and Hog Channel. Fish ran from 1/2 to 2 lbs. 3 oz. drifting and anchoring. Sid had the pool fish.

The word out of **Ed's Fishing Station** is of a couple of good flounder catches, namely Jim and Tina Hill of Maspeth taking 38 flatties just east of the Big M on the turn of tide, all on mussels. Also, Frank Poma and Drew Como hoisted 30 flounder and 6 blackfish at the Big M, with the blackfish going to 3½ lbs. on greenies, at high slack.

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told us that flounder fishing after the blow picked up Saturday and Sunday, with best action at buoy 5 and off the new houses at the old Capri Beach Club. Sunday saw Jim Hull with 37 flounder to 1½ lbs. on sands and mussel. On Saturday, Luge Rodriguez was happy with 6 blacks to 4 lbs. taken on greenies at the ABB. Nice catches of herring off the Magnolia Blvd. pier on high water, on mackerel tubes wrapped with aluminum foil, fish in the 1½ lb. range.

Over in Lynbrook, **Beckmann's Tackle** tells of Valley Stream angler Bob Pospisil on Tuesday while fishing the Point Lookout jetty with clam bait and blackfish rigs, hooking and losing 17 striped bass. He said that he knew the fight of a bass and raised several of them to the surface, so he was sure of what was on the other

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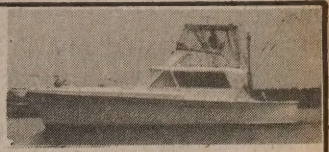

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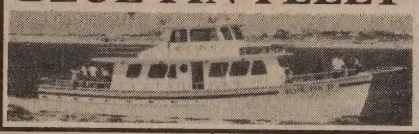

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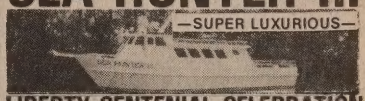

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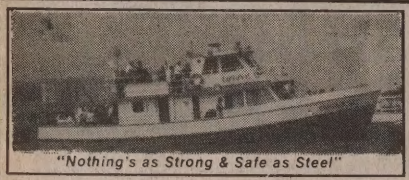

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end. Charlie also said that one customer who is a diver on Friday found the Meadowbrook Bridge loaded with blackfish and also flounder covering the bottom. He said the water down there was extremely cold and the fish were not moving, that you could swim up to a blackfish and grab them, they were that dormant. Charlie advised that otherwise floundering was just fair through Reynolds this week with fish to 2 lbs.

Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square passed the word that on Sunday, 11 blackfish were the reward at the Big M for Harry Baldino and crew, including "The Hat", with fish to 3 lbs., also releasing 15 small blacks. Fred of the shop and two buddies also on Sunday had 18 blacks with Bill Fitz taking the jumbo a 5 lb. 7 oz. specimen. Fred said best action was on the ice breakers on the last hour of incoming through as much of the ebb as you could fish. Green crabs were the ticket. Floundering was very slow. Lots of herring and some whiting south of Jones about 12 miles. The store now has bunker chum and green crabs in stock. The Club's meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 PM at the Lynbrook Ho Jo.

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Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Cross Bay Blvd. says that those working the north and south channel bridges are catching some flounder on both moving tides on worm and mussel. Blackfish have started on fiddlers on the north and south channel bridges and also the Marine Parkway bridge, fish averaging 2 to 3 lbs. with the biggest being a 6 lber.

Over in Sheepshead Bay we note that the head boat **Pastime II** is starting sailing for the season, its 2 half day trips daily sailing at 8AM and 1PM. See ad for details.

Aboard the **Zephyr**, Captain Butch says that on Monday and Tuesday, flounder catches were good off Annandale, Keyport and the Cedars. Wednesday through Friday were weathered out. Saturday there was a tremendous swell with the boat picking away up to 15 fish a man at close in spots in Jamaica Bay and Annandale. Sunday was a pick also with 17 being high hook, really not too bad considering. Sizes were very good said Butch, with most fish 1¼ to 3 lbs. Mussel and worm baits worked best, but you really had to put in your time at the rail.

Aboard the open boat **White Eagle III**, the skipper called to say his first trip of the season will be Saturday, April 26th. See ad for details.

We hear from Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** that several boats had good floundering in Jamaica Bay this past week mainly at Plum and Gerritsen Beaches and at the jetties. Whiting and ling have been caught at 17 Fathoms and the Tower, while blackfishing remained good off the Jersey

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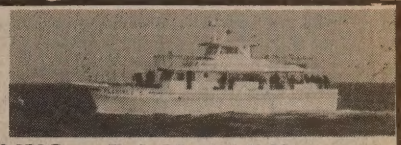

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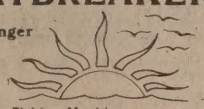

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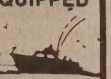

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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

The western Sound enjoyed some excellent flounder action last week while action in the eastern zone remains rather spotty. Water temperatures warmed at the surface to around 53 degrees on the Sound bringing in herring, sand eels and a very few mackerel.

WESTERN SOUND

"Fishing's great!" was the cry at **John's Gun & Tackle** in New Rochelle and at **Jack's Bait** on City Island. Larry Ricci ran out of bait on Sunday and John DiCuffa had 8 skiffs rented with more being prepared. Flounder in the 1 lb. class were available from Mamaroneck all the way to Rodman's

Bob Bach shows the 22 lb. striper he landed last September in Hempstead Harbor aboard the Cookie Boobs. Subscriber photo.

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and Orchard Beach. The first tautog were noted in the lobster pots.

At **Glen Cove Sport Shop** John Cacciola told us that the outside areas were only good for small catches last week, but that action seemed to be picking up by Sunday. The creek and the pond were quite reliable, however.

The **Klondike VIII** had a busy weekend with fares, but action dropped from fair on Saturday to picky on Sunday. Best shots came at Lloyds, Cold Spring Harbor and Center Island in 12 to 18 feet of water. There were a few fish mixed in that went 1 to 1½ lbs. Pete Pearson noted a catch of 4 mackerel by one private boat, too.

Mike DiCuffa reported that the **North Star** had pretty good flounder fishing during most of the latter part of the week around Oyster Bay. The average fish was slightly less than a pound, but the activity was spread from New Rochelle to Larchmont Breakwater as well. Even the shallow areas near City Island were productive.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** had a "pretty decent report" on action that began early in the week. Saturday was snotty, of course, but action had been good inside anyway. Callahans and Crab Meadows were spots of choice. Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** liked Centerport and Northport Bay and said that smaller flatties were available to 3/4 lbs. around Lloyds. Tony and Nick Vanola weighed fish to 2.4, taken off Diamond Point. These larger fish were from a catch of 30 taken early in the week.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport put in a word of caution on the flounder reports. Quality may be good in some areas, but numbers are not. The best catches are from Duck Island and Sand City and 20 is quite a haul. Some sharpies are returning with only 4 fish in a catch. The **Greenlawn Sport Shop** weighed a 1¼ lber. taken off Centerport Beach and recommended the east side of Northport Harbor in 18 feet of water.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson had 12 boats in the water and was looking at catches that could vary from 50 on superb days down to a dozen fish on many other days. The typical Shoreham flounder were in the 1½ to 2 lb. class, but fish over 3 lbs. had been weighed at times. Harbor fishing was steady.

Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai had 6 boats out on Sunday with action reported as far east as Roanoke. The harbor fishing was picking up as well. The **Compleat Angler's** Al Sturges expects to be out on the water looking for early mackerel this week.

Meanwhile, the quality emphasis was reinforced by a report from Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. The trick to finding the Shoreham flounder was to drift before anchoring and chumming, but there indeed were some 2½ lb. fish there on good days.

An error in last week's Fisherman gave a catch of 7 flonder to Fred Mildner's **Hawkeye**. That catch by the party involved was 27 large flounder. Mildner also posted a catch of 26 last week. He reported 11 flounder on Sunday fishing east of Shoreham with his dad and Carmine Mella. Although most of the fish were average size, Carmine enticed a jumbo of 4 lbs. 2 oz. to his bait. Captain Fred reported best action at the beginning of the outgoing tide.

Frank Ingargiola's **My Yacht II** said that fishing from Shoreham to Mattituck had become picky with the flounder loaded with clams and not at all aggressive. Catches of 15 to 20 fish were the norm. The biggest fish of the week weighed 2.8.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** felt that the best fishing was two weeks away. Flounder are in 12 to 18 feet on most drops, but Sunday's action was disappointing. John Gaudio's pool fish weighed 2.12, however. Surf clamming has reached gold rush proportions, but the clam boats don't really interfere with the flatfishing, according to Cash.

NORTH FORK

Spotty data came from several sources. Willie at **Warren's** mentioned a catch of 12 fish inside Mattituck Inlet and small flounder at Indian Island. Private boats at Port of Egypt had no reports and the Bay to the east was poor, according to Pete Izzo on the **Boanne II**. Izzo said that it was work to get 12 to 24 fish a day from areas between South Ferry and Jessups and even off Nassau Point.

Some exceptions to the rule were catches early in the week and over the weekend at the South Race. Some take of 20 to 30 fish were reported at **Captain Marty's** and Dom DeRanieri managed a huge catch last Monday. Nassau Point numbers were down, but there were still some fsh to 2½ lbs. there.

On the Sound, there were catches already coming from the Beachcomber area, according to Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. These fish were 1 to 1¾ lbs. and were best taken on the drift. Some hauls of 21 and 35 fish were mentioned.

John Sinning at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** was disillusioned by the drop in action to the west and hoped that the bulk of the flatfish are still coming. Creek reports had picked up from Southold and Cutchogue, which gave cause for optimism.

Larry Ciccotto with the **Prime Time III** had enough fish to satisfy off Petty's Bight on Sunday, but Satur-

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day's fishing around Long Beach, a forced situation due to wind, was "terrible." There were 50 flatties for 12 anglers on Saturday, but Sunday's crowd of 30 managed around 150 fish. These were 1½ lb. flounder taken from 25 feet of water on the drift.

George Porter did a lot of moving around with the **Brand X** but managed a decent haul on both days on the Sound over the weekend. Porter's best fishing Saturday was in 48 feet of water, but Sunday's action was anywhere from 12 to 18 feet. Some big fish were in tight to the beach, with the pool well over 2½ lbs.

Dave Brennan on the **Peconic Star** figured that although the pickings were slim on the Sound for most of the weekend, nobody on the boat was skunked. There were some good catches made now and again while stemming around Orient and stemming was better than anchoring. Gus' Shoe Repair took an honest scale-weighed 2.12 for the pool on Sunday. High hook was around 8 fish, but sizes were good.

LIF subscribers Ben Thornblom and his son with a fine catch of catfish taken from a Virginia lake, south of Richmond.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Some pretty fast action was had by freshwater anglers over the past week. Trout and pickerel are still at the forefront of the list but largemouth bass, crappies, carp and panfish are beginning to come on strong. Let me take a second to remind our readers that pickerel and bass must still be released as their respective seasons don't open until May 1st and June 7th.

Frank Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait**

and Tackle in **Franklin Square**, reported selling a lot of killies this week. Not many anglers have been stopping by to weigh fish, however, as the season on bass and pickerel is still closed. Still, Frank felt that because of the quantity of bait he was dishing out, the fish must be hitting fairly well.

"The best start in ten or fifteen years with bass fishing at Hempstead Lake!" is the way Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, described this week's action. Quite a few bass in the three to four pound class have been caught and released with Rapala plugs, fake worms and Hula Poppers accounting for the best action. Some small stripers (must be released), white perch and big carp have been reported in the brackish water of Doxee Creek and the ever popular Grant Park is producing well with small bass and panfish on worm baits.

Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, informed us that the carp fishing in the Twin Lakes and at the Mill Pond is hot right now. In fact, Bobby noted that he had just weighed in a nineteen and three quarter pound carp taken at the later location. Pickerel and crappies continue to please those who fish killie baits at the Twin Lakes and a few pickerel are also being taken at Southard's Pond in Babylon.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, had a busy week keeping up with the local trout fishermen but managed to cull the following tidbits. Stephen Rada used muddler minnows to take ten trout to fourteen inches at beat #2 inside Connetquot River State Park last Wednesday. Mike Pilewski managed six trout to twelve inches on corn bait at Bubbles Falls and John Carbone fooled nine trout to ten inches while fly fishing on Lower Yaphank Lake early last week. John used a Hendrickson pattern to dupe his trout. Marvin Baum had a good week with bass and pickerel, catching and releasing bass of three and a quarter and four pounds in Miller Pond and teaming with Larry Rouff at Forge Pond to catch and release ten pickerel to five pounds along the railroad tracks. Spinnerbaits accounted for most of the fish.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani informs us that he weighed a seven pound seven ounce carp this week from Argyle Lake in Babylon, by an unidentified angler. Mike also heard through the grapevine that some fair trout, bullhead and pickerel fishing was taking place at Southard's Pond.

J&R Sports Center in **Oakdale**, reports that Phil Briggs took a few nine and ten inch trout from Upper and Lower Lakes in Yaphank. Trout fishing in the park and at Bubbles Falls remains consistent and there have been reports of nice yellow perch catches in Lace Mill Pond and a few bass in West Lake in Patchogue. Sayville's Mill Pond has been stock-

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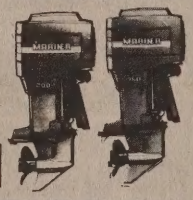

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John at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, wanted to let everyone know that all the local lakes have now been stocked and fishermen are scoring well with trout. Spinners, fly and nightcrawlers are all producing some fish. Dave Ebner took a two pound trout from Connetquot River State Park and Ozzy Van Helmond nailed a two pound rainbow on Wednesday. Both anglers are members of the Patchogue Fishing Club. Dave Mehns fished in Southaven Park this week taking three browns to 2.1 pounds on spinners and Dave Hassell worked the same waters taking a brown of 1.5 pounds. This last action confirms the report of Mary Gallo who works at Southaven Park and mentioned that a lot of browns have been falling to spinners and worms. Mary noted that Bryan Moran used nightcrawler baits to nail a pair of eighteen inch brownies from a rowboat during the later part of the week.

With a few more anglers finally treking out east, the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead** reports improved freshwater action in the Peconic River System. Father and son team Jedd Savel and Jonathan of East Northport, fished the Peconic within a half mile of the store taking three bass and a few pickerel on Mepps spinners. Gary Henery rented a boat and took three bass and a pickerel within fifty feet of the launch site. Again, spinners were the key. Late Saturday afternoon, Mike Jacobs checked in with two dozen big bluegills taken on a flyrod and bumble bee popper. Mike also told of releasing ten bass to 5.5 pounds taken on crankbaits and spinners.

Ken Josephsen of **Crazy Cheif Ski and Sport** in **Hunter Mountain**, New York, gave a call this Sunday to say that trout fishing was a little off during the week but picked up a bit for the weekend. Tony Fornabio of Brooklyn stopped in with a thirteen inch brownie that fell for a woolly worm. Most of the other fish taken this week fell for nightcrawlers.

Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, New York, passed on word that the fishing in Lake Ontario is real good right now. Big browns and coho salmon are mixing together in eight to twenty feet of water and most of these fish are being taken near the surface. A little offshore, in the 35 foot depths, anglers are using downriggers to hook up with some nice king salmon at about the eighteen foot mark. Steve and Cathy Cone fished with Bill this week and came away with a nineteen pound king. On Saturday, twenty brown trout were hooked with ten making it over the rail. These fish ranged up to nine pounds. Sunday saw a pair of fourteen pound kings and a nineteen pounder come aboard.

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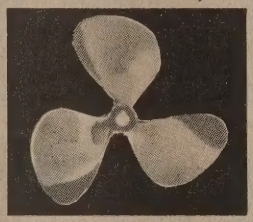

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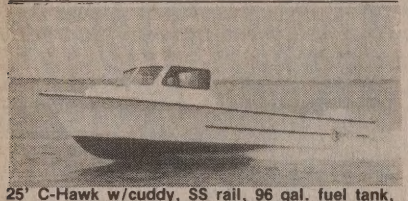

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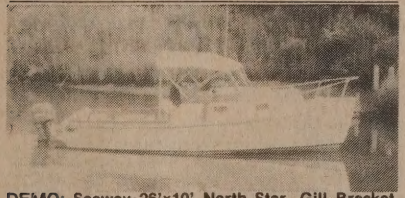

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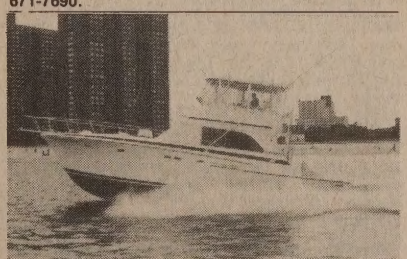

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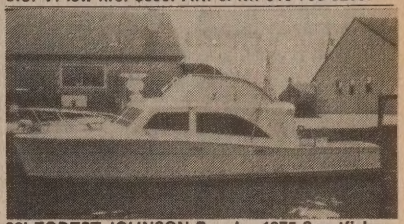

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28' PEMBROKE. Must sell. F/B, Dbl. station, 350 Chevy FWC. Refridg, CB, dept rec, VHF, 50 gal. FW tank, sink, st. up head. Dockside pwr, swim plat, elec. windlass. Compass, auto bilge pump, bridge canvas, V berth & seats w/cushions. Rod holders. 516-698-4879,

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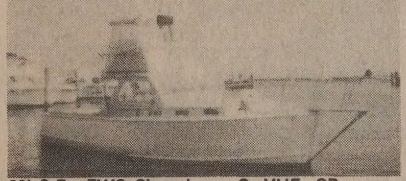

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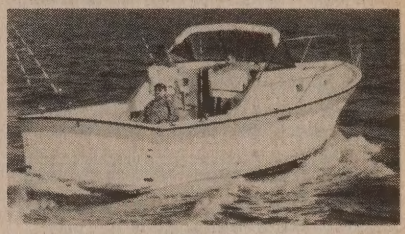

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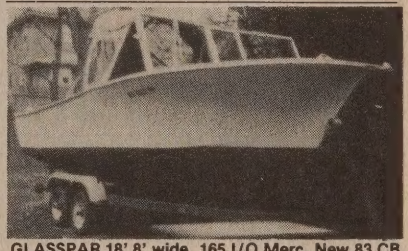

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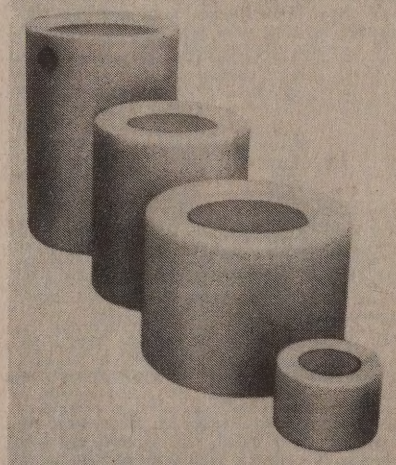

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